Mubarak warning of Gulf 'explosion'

Bush runs out of patience with 'brutal' Saddam

By Susan Ellicott in Washington and Michael Evans

PRESIDENT Bush said last night that he had "had it" with the brutal treatment of Americans by President Saddam Hussein. He voiced his exaspera-

tion as President Mubarak of Egypt gave a warning that the confrontation in the Gulf could explode at any moment. A British commander and a former Saudi minister also indicated that war was increasingly likely.

Iraq said that it was prepared for a "major confrontation" and was on alert for any attack, but its ambassador to Washington again called for a negotiated settlement and said he wanted to avoid bloodshed.

Even as talk of war echoed around the Gulf yesterday, the search for a peaceful solution continued. Mr Bush said he still intended for now to follow diplomatic efforts to drive President Saddam out of Kuwait, and King Husain of Jordan resumed his shuttle diplomacy in talks with the Sultan of Oman.

The Soviet special envoy, Yevgeni Primakov, who has just returned home after his second visit to Baghdad in a

Prince back in public eye

The Prince of Wales carried out his first official engage-ment for 87 days yesterday. He has been out of the public eye since breaking his right arm in a fall from his polo

pony in June.

When asked by a reporter about his beauth he replied:

"What an original question. If

Vote on dogs

The Lords yesterday rejected the third Tory backbench amendment this session for setting up a national register for Britain's 7.3 million Political sketch, page 26

DoT investigates The Department of Trade has sent investigators into Lon-don United Investments, the crashed insurance group, to examine the payment of up to \$100 million in reinsurance commissions to three Liechtenstein and German-based __ Page 27

Harvey goes



Colin Harvey, the manager of Everton football club, was dismissed yesterday because

RSC options

Is the Royal Shakespeare Company justified in leaving the Barbican this Saturday? A survey by The Times's drama critics explores the other options open to the company, and the mistakes that led to the controversy Page 22

Lord Caccia dies

Lord Caccia, the former British ambassador to Vienna and Washington and Provost of Eton, died yesterday, aged 84. He was the first head of the new unified diplomatic ser-.. Obituary, Page 16

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month, said that he thought lish good relations with the President Saddam was becom- United States." ing more open to a political solution. Mr Mubarak, however, said that Mr Primakov's nission had produced no clear results. He rejected President Gorbachev's call for an emergency Arab summit, saying that without anything specific to discuss, such a meeting

Mr Mubarak responded to fears that war was imminent by sending his foreign minister to Jedda for urgent talks with the Saudi and Syrian foreign ministers. But he also tone to Baghdad when he said that Egypt was willing to help Iraq in negotiations about its dispute with Kuwait after a

would degenerate into "a sum-

Mr Bush's growing impatience was evident when he spoke to reporters in Alexandria, Virginia. He complained



and said: "What am I going to do about it? Let's just wait and see. I have had it with that kind of treatment of Ameri-being starved by a brutal dictator. Do you think I'm concerned about it? You're darn right I am."

had power and water supplies inside the compound are deteriorating. Mr Bush has been alarmed by reports from returning hostages of atrocities being committed in occupied Kuwait. "I am concerned about the lives of Americans," the president said, adding that he wanted the American pub-

"to understand how strongly I feel about the brutality of Saddam Hussein". But the Iraqi ambassador to Washington, Mohamad Sadiq al-Mashat, told a news conference that the plight of American diplomats in Kuwait was "an American problem". He hoped American leaders "will listen to the voices of reason and will not heed those who are calling for a quick and devastating military strike. We seek to avoid

bloodshed. We'd like to estab-

James Baker, the American retary, have reiterated this not been ruled out, but the White House Chief of Staff, is still committed to making sure he does everything on the diplomatic front to avoid

bostilities ' Back in Washington, Mr Bush said that Mr Baker's forthcoming tour of the Mid-dle East and Europe would be "very important". He added: "We'll be talking about all kinds of alternatives and doing everything we can to see that no stone is left unturned in determining how we imment the UN resolutions." Mr Baker leaves for Bahrain on Saturday, and will also visit
Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey,
France and Britain. His tour
will include a meeting with his
Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, in Europe tomorrow week. The White House has denied that Mr Baker intends to discuss a possible timetable for military action, but the administra-tion's recent focus on the plight of American hostages has raised speculation that it might consider the severe treatment of the captives sufficient provocation for an troops had illegally

harmed American citizens. The Pennyon is prepare to send as many as 100,000 more American troops to the Middle East to back up the 210,000 already there, and yesterday the home-based commander of the British forces in the Gulf said the 7th The American embassy has Armoured Brigade would be fully operational for an offencut off and officials conditions sive campaign by the middle

TUC pay talks

offer

rejected

By PHILIP BASSETT,

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government yesterday rejected a "serious" proposal from the TUC for joint dis-

cussions with employers and Conservative ministers on

pay, productivity and related

ssues in the wake of entry to

the exchange-rate mechanism.

The rejection of the TUC's offer by Michael Howard, employment secretary, prompted even moderate union leaders to say that

without such talks they would

have no choice but to seek pay

settlements which were at least in line with inflation.

The TUC's offer was made

at a meeting of the National Economic Development Council the only body at

of the month. Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine said: "It is looking increasingly unlikely that Saddam Hussein will withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait. Once 7th Armoured Brigade complete their intheatre work-up, we will be ready fully to support offensive operations should a political decision be taken to

force the Iragis out." Sir Patrick's tough state-ment was matched by the intense activity in the reinforced concrete operational bunker at RAF High Wycombe from which he spoke. The bunker is the nerve centre for Operation Granby, Brit-Continued on page 26, col 1

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Drug agency enquiry on Lockerbie bomb

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

operation by the United States expected this week. The DEA Drug Enforcement Administration was used to carry the the suggestion that Khalid bomb which blew up Pan Am Jafaar, aged 21. a Lebaneseflight 103 over Lockerbie. killing 270 people, were being investigated last night.

It has been suggested that terrorists infiltrated an undercover anti-drug smuggling operation and placed a bomb instead of heroin in a DEA shipment. An announcement

CLAIMS that an undercover of the result of the enquiry is is thought to be investigating American student from Detroit, may have been tricked into taking the bomb. Last night Pan Am in New York had no comment on the claim. made by the National Broadcasting Corporation.

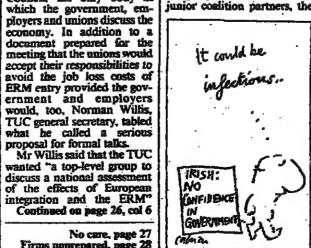
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figure of 10.9 per cent, taking it up from 34.8p to 38.6p, bringing fierce complaints from business organisations. President Bush vesterday: "I have had it with that kind of treatme Haughey back from the brink as Lenihan goes THE 15-month coalition gov-Progressive Democrats, Fail could have sewn the seeds

ernment of Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, came within minutes of collapse last night before being saved by the dramatic sacking of his

deputy, Brian Lenihan. After a day of extraordinary uncertainty and tension which saw a no-confidence debate in the Dail - defeated by the government 83-80 — riven with insults traded on all sides, Mr Lenihan, defence minister and Fianna Fail presidential candidate, was dismissed from his cabinet posts by Mr Haughey, with whom he has worked for 30

It was a step which Mr Haughey was forced to take, with the reluctant backing of his party, to ensure that the junior coalition partners, the



stayed in the government to for a leadership challenge on maintain its majority in par- Mr Haughey. His detractors liament of just one. For much were openly accosing him of of the day, however, it looked as if a general election was the only outcome as the "Dublingate" affair reached a more exciting climax than even the best political thriller

Mr Lenihan is alleged to

have lied on live television last week about his role in relephone calls made to the residence of the president in January 1982 during an earlier constitutional crisis. At that time three Fishna Fail front benchers, including Mr Haughey, attempted to per-suade Patrick Hillery, the outgoing president, to allow a transfer of power to Mr Haughey without calling a general election after the unexpected collapse of a Fine

Gael/Labour coalition. Yesterday Mr Lenihan continued to hold fast, refusing to resign or to turn up to two tense Fianna Fail parliamentary party meetings. It was clear that his relationship with Mr Happhey, who evi-dently wanted to avoid an election at all costs, was under immense strain. It is thought that Mr Leniban's family, led by his sister, Mary O'Rourke, the education minister, were insisting that he alone should not take all the blame for an episode in which Mr Haughey also played a key role. There was speculation that the trauma inflicted on Fianna

having sacrificed one of his £380 than they had to his sreatest friends to save his assurance that this year's bill OWN CHIEST. Leading article, page 15

Patten plan to keep poll tax down attacked

By PHILIP WERSTER AND DOUGLAS BROOM

below the rate of inflation were unveiled by the government yesterday and immediately provoked predictions of

ig cuts in council services. Chris Patten, the environ-£400 in the run-up to the general election. Some big-spending councils

which increase their budgets by sums well below inflation could still be capped if they exceed the government's as-sessment of reasonable spending according to criteria denounced as "draconian" by

the Labour party.
Mr Patten told MPs that the average poli tax next year should not be much higher than £380, after this year's average of £357. The Audit Commission disclosed meanwhile that one in ten people community charge bills.

By announcing capping rules in advance, Mr Patten is hoping to deter councils from son between next year's and exceeding the government's this year's budgets. The critimits if they did so they teria are: would be volunteering for Any rise of more than 9 per capping, he told MPs.

But Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secement meant that every poil tax bill next year

As expected, Mr Patten announced that the business ate next year would rise in ine with the current inflation

business costs next year. John designed to keep next year's Banham, the director general, community charge increases said: This is precisely the kind of inflationary own goal that should be avoided. The be taken seriously if it fails to

ment secretary, announced an ination to hold down council array of measures aimed at spending brings nearer the keeping the average poll tax prospect of legal action by bill below the sensitive level of Labour-controlled education authorities which are being irged to challenge ministers if cuts damage schools.

John MacGregor, the edu-cation secretary, said that £17.5 billion in central grant announced yesterday would be spent on schools, an increase of 16 per cent. He said it would help "lever up" standards.

Mr Patten won an extra £ billion from the Treasury to rate of inflation.

The new formula for judge essary will include a compari-

cent over last year's budget will be considered excessive if the council.

Any rise of more than 7 per cent will be considered excer per cent above the SSA. Any rise of more than 5 per cent over the SSA. This means inflation could still be capped. Any budget more than 12.5 per cent over the SSA will be

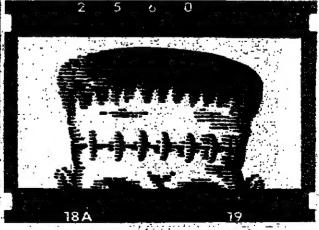
The 250 or more councils tricts, will continue to be exempt from capping.

Mr Patten said the rise in sure the burden on business would remain broadly the

Mr Gould asked why people should pay any more attenti to Mr Patten's estimate of would average just £278.

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TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT EVA and FLAIR, not exactly household names but celebrities in the research and development community, are to be unceremoniously bumped off on the orders of Jacques Delors, the European

Delors: witty titles were

By NICK NUTTALL

Commission's president. The pair, it has emerged, have attracted ribaldry and abuse from insensitive journalists.

When EVA, the European search for an Aids vaccine, comes to an end in 1992 she will be replaced by something that sounds more worthy. Flair - Food Linked Agro-Industrial Research awaits a similiar fate.

"The witty acronym department isbeing closed. The names have been mocked by the press. Personally I thought they were good for publicity," said Charles White, an official with the EC's directorate generale X11, at a

Delors Ejects Lots Of Ridiculed Sobriquets meeting yesterday in London of academics, industrialists, government and com-mission officials held to discuss new community-wide collaborative research

After 1992 all the Brussels acronyms will be replaced and all new ones have been cancelled in favour of more serious sounding, or fuller, titles. BEP and BAP, the Pinky and Perky of the community's biotechnology projects, have already been phased out in favour of BRIDGE, Biotechnology Research for Innovation Development and Growth in Europe. Now they are struggling to find a less catchy name which can still fit on one side of A4.

The exact nature of the editorial cracks which have annoyed M Delors remains unclear. It is possible that developments from FAST. Forecasting and Assessment of Science and Technology, have been a little slow. Or that those

from ECLAIR, the European Collaborative Linkage of Agriculture and Industry through Research, may have turned sour. There have been suggestions that even

the Brussel's bureaucrats in the witty acronym department were becoming mentally exhausted at the sheer pace of new projects coming on stream. Some EC officials fear, however, that the new names, through translation, may

be more open to ridicule than those they

replace. The community's science pro-

gramme, for example, was known by the name STIMULATION. The commission could not understand why proposals from academics and indus trialists in Denmark had been so low for it. Realisation dawned when it was pointed out by a polite Danish official that stimulation, translated into his mother tongue, spelt something more suited to Bangkok than to Brussels.

Ministers fly from around the world for dogfight that never was



POLITICAL REPORTER

FIVE Commons ministers flew back to Britain at public expense yesterday, four of them from other continents, to guarantee the govemment's success in the final round of the great dogs' rebellion. In the event their presence proved unnecessary. Fears of upsetting the elected chamber led the Lords to reject the third Tory backbench amendment this session for setting up a national register for Britain's 7.3 million

the return of the ministers in case the Lords again voted for Lord Stanley of Alderley's amendment

for a register, leading to a further vote in the Commons in the closing minutes of the session.

Tim Eggar, the education minister, barely had time to unpack in Barbados where he was due to attend a Commonwealth education conference, before being ordered back to Britain. He intends returning to the

He said last night: "I left Gatwick at 10.45 on Tuesday morning and arrived back here at 9.45am today, so I spent 23 hours half hours in Barbados. I did reflect on the importance of as against dog registration."

minister, was brought back from Japan. Lynda Chalker, minister for overseas development, flew in from Brazil, William Waldegrave, the foreign office minister, cut short a visit to Algiers and the Northern Ireland minister, Brian Mawhinney, returned from the province in case the government needed to marshal the full complement of Commons ministers to

In addition a visit by the home affairs select committee to Manchester was cancelled because of the three-line whip.

see off registration.

A total of 74 Tory peers, who had not taken part in the first dog vote in the Lords, were whipped

Ian Lang, the Scottish Office in to support the government, They can claim travelling and living expenses. The number of Tory rebels in the Lords was 26.

The final voting record on dogs this session reads: the first Commons vote against registration failed by 12 votes; the first Lords vote in favour by 72 votes; a second Commons vote against failed by three votes, and a second Lords vote against registration failed by 19 votes.

After observing the death throes of the dog registration dispute from the steps of the throne in the Lords, the government's chief whip, Tim Renton, said: "We were in danger of losing the environmental protection bill and We did not want to lose it."

"This is the cost of democracy. Whether it was justified in bringing people back - ask Lord Stanley," Mr Renton said.

By comparison, Lord Denham, the government's chief whip in the Lords and a cousin of the rebels' leader Lord Stanley, did not resort to heavy whipping of Tory peers in case, once in the upper House, they voted against

the government. Gavin Grant, for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said last night: "Naturally it is disappointing, but it shows no reduction in the support for registration in the

with it a lot of sensible measures. Lords or for the principles of registration. It was apparent from the speeches made on the floor that individuals who support registration felt they could not return the bill to the Commons for fear about the constitutional position of the Lords and for fears about the future of the bill itself. We had clearly failed to satisfy them on that. But I think it does demonstrate that this issue will

The Labour MP Tony Banks tabled a question last night to find out the cost of bringing back the

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EC laws

could be

opened to

challenge

By PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS AND FRANCES GIBB

Citizens could be given the right to challenge European Community laws affecting

before the European Court of

Human Rights in Strasbourg. Such a right of access on

complaints arising from Com-munity law would for the first

time bring a whole range of EC

policy within the direct chall-enge of individuals for the first

It results from a move in

Brussels to ask the EC to

become a signatory, along

with the 24 other nations, to

the European Convention on

The European Commis-

sion's senior legal expert, Jean-Louis Dewost, said yes-

terday that as more and more of community policy touched

on personal matters such as

residence rights, working con-ditions and the protection of privacy, it was shocking that the community should remain

outside the broader convention. EC powers, he said, were growing at a rate of knots.

Milk scare case

Lawrence White, the feed

last year, was convicted yes-terday of selling unsafe prod-

ucts by magistrates at Teign-mouth, south Devon. White,

of Exton, Devon, and his firm

Human Rights.

scraps roll

-spender on

Bernstein

America were the

MacLaine, back

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Sta Mark John Berger and more

Sir Stephen Stephen

a conjugation

Leonard Book on

Councils strapped for cash as millions default on poll tax

refusing to pay the poli tax, six months after its introduction. only two-thirds of the income they would have expected under the rating system.

A survey published yesterday by the Audit Commission showed that in spite of tough action by councils against defaulters, one in ten of the 37 million charge payers in England had still paid nothing by last Friday.

Councils, which under the rating system would have received more than two-thirds collection costs there is no (70 per cent) of their rate income by October, had recovered just under half (48 per cent) of the money due that you would expect to see from poll tax payers, the some problems in the first report said. Two-thirds of year of any new tax system." them had been forced to borrow money to make up the shortfall in spite of changes to the grant system designed to regulations to councils and

weeks, the leader of Strath-

clyde regional council said

months of this financial year.

Charles Gray, council lead-

proved to be virtually uncollectable from people who

pay. With only an 85 per cent

payment level, the council

lay off staff, and Strathclyde

give councils more money criticised the "poor performance" of software com-Howard Davies, controller panies who sold poll tax of the commission, said that collection systems to councils. The survey, of 35 councils

borrowing combined with non-payment would force up poll tax bills next year by up to 20 per cent. The study predicted that most of the nonpayers would be taken to court to recover poll tax arrears. As well as being more

difficult to administer, the poll tax cost more to collect, £12 a head compared with £5 for rates, the commission said. "From the point of view of collection costs there is no doubt that rates were a more efficient tax," Mr Davies said. Haringey is running at 42 per cent. In shire districts 92 per He blamed the government

fused to pay the tax.

loom in Scotland

was already budgeting for a 2 behaved. There are fires being

per cent cutback next year, a lit in this country over the poll saving of at least £42 million. tax that will never be put out."

cent of residents had made at least one payment compared with 88 per cent in metropolitan areas and 78 per cent in London, Mr Davies said: "The general message is that the community charge system is beginning to work in most places. But some places have First warrant sales

The study, the most authoritative yet produced, noted that the workload on council finance departments bad more than doubled. Maintaining the register of poll tax payers was THE first warrant sales to to make ends meet. The region also proving far harder than recover community charge yesterday dropped its at- anticipated. In London the debts are expected to take tempts to seize university and average turnover of populaplace in Scotland within two college tuition fees from up to tion was between 45 and 50 1,000 students who have re- per cent of the names on the poll tax register.

erious problems.

in England and Wales, showed

that moves by councils to take

non-payers to court over the

past two months had led to a

sharp increase in the number

of people paying the tax. The

proportion of people who had paid nothing fell from one in six at the end of August to one

However, almost a quarter

of Londoners have yet to pay

in ten by last Friday.

Council leaders and their The study found that collec-About 200,000 cases of non- advisers decided it was not tion of the business rate was payment have been passed to worth the effort or expense progressing better than the sheriff officers acting for the after Malcolm Rifkind, the poll tax with receipts at or regional council, which is Scottish secretary, said the near target. It was also much owed almost £70 million in move would be illegal and cheaper to collect at 6p in the unpaid poll tax bills from last challenged the region to take pound for administration.

Relations between Strath- ment said last night: "The clyde and the Scottish Office commission's findings bear er, said that the tax had been are clearly at a new low. Mr out what we have been saying. Most people are now paying the charge." The Labour-con-Gray said that his council had never held a single warrant trolled Association of Metroeither could not or would not sale to recover domestic rates. politan Authorities said the "Never will we get back to a time when we will be able to report showed that the poil tax collection was more expensive would have to cut services and collect 99 per cent because of than refuse collection. the way this government has

The Administration of the Com-munity Charge (Audit Com-mission, Stationery Office, £6)

Tunnel contact right on target

By MICHAEL DYNES

adjust to the idea that Britain is no longer an island, Channel tunnel engineers an-nounced that the two-inch probe which linked the two tunnel sections on Tucaday was "less than the width of a handkerchief off target".

Driving the two giant tunnel boring machines under the English Channel, which included moving up and down and from side to side to keep within the meandering soft chalk strate, and arriving a few inches from target "was a spectacular engineering spokesman for manche Link, said.

The two-inch bore hole was spotted at about 7.30pm by a team of French tunnelers, led by Phillippe Dumond. The celebrations were marred. however, when an underground train carrying survey-ors to the breakthrough point train, resulting in a number of

minor injuries. The surveyors had been sent to the tunnel face to analyse the information collected by an optical sensor, inserted into the bore hole, which contains data needed for the final phase of the service tunnel breakthrough.

Work began yesterday on dismantling the 400-tonne French tunnel boring machine, known as Brigitte. The British boring machine will be started up and swung round part, where it is to be entombed in concrete because it would be too expensive to bring it to the surface.

excavating the man-sized passage between the two tunnel

THE moderate Labour leadership on

Liverpool city council faced jeers outside

the council chambers yesterday from

demonstrators protesting against pos-sible redundancies. Councillors were

meeting to discuss plans by the financial control committee to deal with the city's

The Labour leadership was attacked

by left-wing Labour councillors at the

meeting for taking delegated powers to make decisions in which the full council

Mike Storey, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats, accused successive

Labour administrations of tarnishing the

image of the city. "I wonder if you know what damage you are doing. Would

would have no say.



Breakthrough: an engineer on the French side checking the hole made by the probe

mony will be held in January, being built in Denmark. when Margaret Thatcher and President - Mitterrand will meet in the tunnel formally to ing up the two tunnel sections, link the two countries. With Alistair Morton, deputy chairtunnel, most of the 80 English, awesome construction risks

December, making it possible: machine will be made redun- "massively reduced". The to walk between Britain and dant. Many hope to find new France. The political cere- jobs on a new railway namel

After congratulating the construction workers for link-Irish, and Australian construc- involved in excavating the

Liverpool leaders attacked over debt

anyone seriously come to invest in a city

when we seem to be hovering on the edge

of financial crisis or up to our necks in alkeged corruption?" he asked.

Militants, he said, never had a

majority in the Labour group or on the

council, yet every decision made in the

eight years of Labour control, with the

exception of the last few months, was made because the Labour group voted for them. "Derek Hatton ruled in this

city because he was your man and Labour kept voting for his policies and

schemes." Liverpool needed root and

branch change to remove power from

smoke-filled rooms and put it back into

the hands of the people.

Kenneth Baker, the Conservative

growing conviction that the named will be built, effectively bringing to an end 8,000 years of physical isolation between Britain and the Continent has been substantially reinforced. "The tunnel is now a fact," Mr

yesterday during a by-election rally, said that Liverpool could expect no help from

the government in solving the crisis

which could put the city £10.1 million in

Mr Baker said that over the years

Liverpool had been given a great deal of

help and the mess the city now found

itself in was the creation of local Labour

politicians. "They have to put their own

house in order and face up to reality.

Liverpool is a classic example of how bad a city can go if it falls into the hands

of a Labour party. Moderate or extreme Labour is a small choice among rotten

apples," he added.

debt and in the hands of the district

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Torre Feeds, were each con-ditionally discharged for 18 months and ordered to pay

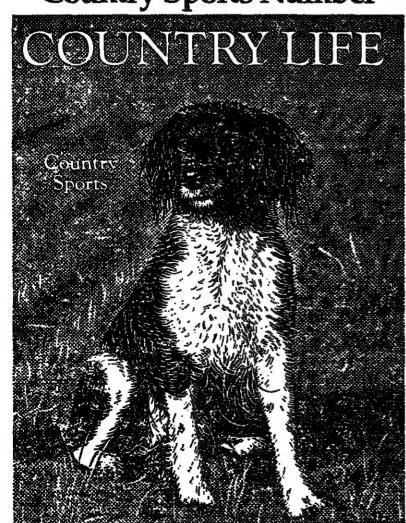
£250 costs for offences under the Trades Descriptions Act IRA 'blasphemy' The murder of a soldier in an IRA human bomb attack last

week was a mourners at his funeral in Liverpool were told yesterday. Father John Thompson, spea-king at a mass in Walton for Kingsman Scott, aged 21, said: "It offended God and man. It broke the Commandments. It degrades the words human beings when they use human bombs. But only good, not evil can win."

Back in the air

Timothy Lancaster, the pilot who was almost sucked from the cockpit of a British Airways aircraft when the wind-screen shattered at 23,000ft in June, returned to flying yesterday and said: "It was casier than I thought it was going to be." He flew a round trip from Heathrow to Dublin. Captain Lancaster, aged 41, had suf-fered a broken arm, wrist and thumb, and frostbite, but his crew landed the aircraft.

Country Sports Number



 The Purbock and Boeington Beagles 21st birthday meet Walking up grouse—new approach to an old problem The idell and the nightmare of crosscountry riding. Face down in a moorland bog, or the pleasures of deer stalking Romance and extravagance of an Englishman's villa at Sintra Plus the usual informed coverage of wildlife, conservation, gardening, the preperty market sport and fashion.

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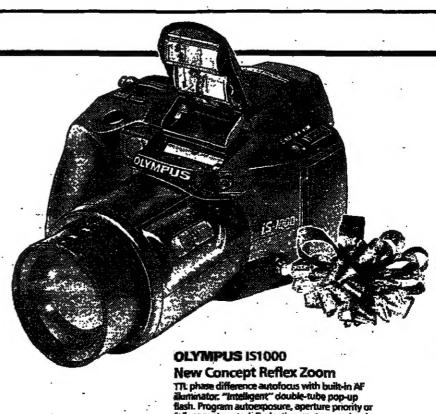
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Drug agency orders enquiry into 'link' to Lockerbie bomb

By KERRY GILL

THE United States Drug Enforcement Administration is expected to announce the results of an investigation this week into allegations that one of its undercover operations could have been used to smuggle the bomb on board Pan Am flight 103 which blew up over Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

Con Dougherty, for the DEA. confirmed last night that an enquiry had been ordered after a National Broadcasting Corporation television report - also carried by the American Broadcasting Corporation - claimed some Pan Am flights from Frankfurt to the US were used to fly informants and suitcases of heroin from the Middle East to Detroit. "Although no evidence has surfaced to substantiate such claims, we are conducting an enquiry into these allegations."

He said his organisation was keen to get to the bottom of the matter, not simply as part of the overall investigation into the disaster, but out of compassion for the relatives of those killed on December 21 1988. Law enforce-

THE biggest reform in divorce

laws for more than 20 years, in-

troducing a concept of "divorce over time" and abolishing the role

of fault or misbehaviour, will be

The keenly awaited proposals, from the Law Commission for

England and Wales, are likely to form the basis of legislation as part

of a peckage of reforms on the

family. At the core of the pro-

posals will be the principle of putting the needs of children first.

Before a divorce is granted, cou-

ples will be have to sort out

questions concerning the chil-

dren's upbringing, access, finan-cial relief and division of property.

The reform would be a reversal

of the present law, where chil-

dren's issues are often resolved

after the divorce decree nisi has

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Divorce law reform

scraps role of fault

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

terrorists found out what the DEA was doing, infiltrated an undercover operation and placed a bomb instead of heroin in a DEA

The DEA is believed to be looking into whether Khalid Jafaar, aged 21, a Lebanese-American student from Detroit, might have been tricked by terrorists into taking the bomb on to the flight. The NBC report, citing anonymous sources, said investigators found that the part-time student made frequent trips to Lebanon, where his mother lived, and linked him in Frankfurt with people active in the Middle Eastto-Europe drug trade. The bomb was contained in a cassette recorder within a Samsonite

It has emerged that several passengers on the stricken flight were believed to have flown from Larnaca, Cyprus, before carrying on to Heathrow. It was suggested at the judicial enquiry into the 270 deaths that at least two might have been CIA employees who had started their journey in Beirut. Jim Swire, the spokesman for the

time" divorce, expected to be nine

months to a year, will also allow couples to take up counselling mediation and conciliation dur-

ing the divorce process. Reformers

want to end the bitterness and

acrimony which the present di-

The proposals would end a long

rocess of reform to the divorce

laws in which there has been a

shift away from fault. The present

law went some way towards this.

However, the present basis for divorce, irretrievable breakdown

of marriage, still retains fault in three of the five grounds which

can be cited to show breakdown.

indicated its support for a change

in the divorce laws to force

couples to consider the con-sequences of a separation with the minimum of bitterness. Last week,

Lord Mackey of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, gave his clearest

support yet to a divorce process

ground of one year.

The government has already

vorce laws help to foster.

daughter in the disaster, asked: "If the DEA was involved why are we hearing about it only now, two years later? If they have been wilfully obstructing a criminal investigation by concealing the truth the implications are enormous it would make Watergate

look like a picnic. "We have always suspected the CIA or other US secret agencies knowing more than they would say. Just spare a thought for the family of the man who had been working for the DEA and was a passenger on Flight 103, who though! he was carrying a bag of drugs to belp fight abuse in the US and inadvertently carried his own death with him on to the plane."

The NBC report quoted an airline source as saying: "Informants would put cases of heroin on the Pan Am flights apparently without the usual security checks, through an arrangement between the DEA and German authori-ties." Last night Pan Am in New York had no comment on the

Lee Kreindler, senior lawyer for American and some British relatives, condemned the report and described it as an attempt to deflect attention from Pan Am security at a time when it was being explored at the judicial

enquiry in Scotland.

Mr Kreindler said the report had first surfaced about a year ago. "On that occasion it was timed to we were taking in Frankfurt and which were very damaging to Pan Am. The same coincidence appears to have happened again. Here we are in the middle of the enquiry which is giving good answers. We have also got good answers in our litigation in the United States. Then all of a sudden there is a report that the The timing is suspicious.

Mr Kreindler, who is also chairman of the plaintiffs' committee for the US civil litigation, said that the report had been leaked in the first place by Juval Aviv, who was employed by Pan Am's insurers. "We investigated it at the time and found it to be full of misinformation and

distortion. American officials have made it known that they believed that Ahmad Jibril, leader of the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, was the author of the bombing.



Swire: "This would make Watergate look like picnic'



By ALAN HAMILTON

GLOWERING blackly at the assembled media circus, the Prince of Wales yesterday stepped from his dark blue Bentley and steeled himself for his first public handshake in 87 days. He looked slightly pained and ill-at-case, as though concerned that the arm he broke in a fall from his polo pony on June 29 might have forgotten the art of flesh-pressing. The early omens were not good.

As the car drew up he sat in the back with his right hand slightly denched, as though in pain. When his detective opened the door for him he steadied himself on it as though his legs might suddenly give way. But all was well, be gripped the proferred hand of the Rev John Chater, rector of St. Marylebone church in central London, and gave it a peremptory pump with what can only be described as firm assurance.

Dirty looks at the press were doubtless royal retribution for a story given prominence in less expensive newspapers this week that he had visited the chalice well at Glastonbury, Somerset, whose chalybeate-rich waters are said to cure evil, deafness, ulcers and blindness but not, apparently, the pain of a doubly-fractured arm. to Sarah Key, an Australian physiotherapist who has been coaxing him through a programme of exercise since his operation on September 1, and who has previously manipulated him for a bad back. Pure coincidence, the Prince's press spokesman reiterated sev-

The Prince returns with a firm public handshake

his first public visit since August 5 was to an NHS general practice in a church crypt which offered complementary medicine and counselling along with the standard pills. The Prince opened the centre in 1987 and is patron of its charitable trust, which rather than the properties that the properties that the properties that the properties that the properties money to provide homeopathy,

and musical therapy.

The centre boasts that its annual drugs bill is considerably less than that of the average NHS general practice, despite many of its 4,000 patients being disadvantaged. The Prince brought with him a group of Anglican clergy and Muslim community leaders from Yorkshire and Scotland to show them that such centres can be perfectly inter-demoninational

reporter shouted "How are you, sir?" He glared somewhat, "If you really want to know, I'm barely alive," be retorted without much of a smile. His sense of humour appeared to have become slightly threadbare after six weeks of solitude among the Balmoral heather. In the church, the Prince and his

guests met doctors, priests and patients. When he emerged 90 minutes later, a woman in the crowd pressed a bunch of red and white carnations on him and congratulated him on his recovery. He seemed, at last charmed.
"I should be presenting them to
you, not the other way round." he
said. The woman turned out to be
an Iraqi, a fact it was perhaps as
well the Prince's detective did not know as he took the flowers.

From another section of the crowd Mrs Gladys Michael, aged 80, asked him how the arm was. "It's all right, but I think they put it on the wrong way round," the Prince replied cheerily. He thenreturned to Kensington Palace where he entertained the party of visiting clergy to lunch.

The Prince's public life now resumes in carnest, and next Friday he and the Princess leave for five days in Japan to attend the enthronement of Emperor Akinto. But despite his long absence from the public eye he has not been entirely idle. His sojourn at Balmoral has been occupied with large amounts of paperwork, receiving a stream of people from organisations he is connected with, and taking an ever-more active role in running the royal

His staff knew he was on the mend when, several weeks ago, he picked up a rod and went fishing in the Dee. He who can cast a fly is ready to shake a hand.

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gets cool reception from clergy

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE battle to win the moral high ground for the Conservative party seemed to take a turn for the worse yesterday when Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, addressed senior clergy in a debate at Southwark cathedral, London. After his defence of Conservative policies he sat down to a resounding silence. By contrast, John Smith, the shadow chancellor, was

given rapturous applause.

Lord Harris of High Cross, the economist, said many in the audience, mainly clergy from Cheimsford, London and Southwark, were plainly hostile to Mr Lilley. "He sat down to silence It was like Daniel in the lions' den." Mr Lilley criticised socialist clergy who were out of tune with the aspirations of their congrega-tion. He said capitalism could harness greed and selfishness arising out of the fall of man for the good of society, whereas socialists harnessed these defects for their

own ends.

The debate, entitled "City of God?", followed the publication of Christianity and Conservatism, edited by Michael Alison, MP, and David Edwards, provost of Southwark. In the book's preface Margaret Thatcher says the inti-mate relationship between the Anglican church and the state was "profoundly creative in the advance to national consciousness". The prime minister argues that an historical turning-point has been reached for the nation, and Christianity is at risk of being

"marginalised".

Mr Lilley, who attends St
Peter's church, Vanxhall, in the Southwark diocese, said some ecclesiastics were reluctant to admit that free enterprise produced the goods and they said the free market only worked by "en-couraging greed and selfishness" or by exploiting the poor. "I think both points do not stand close

To argue that the free market only encouraged greed and selfishness was "very unbiblical and very unchristian". He said selfishness and greed dated from the fall of man and would "manifest itself in man and would "manifest itself in whatever form of society we organise". Mr Lilley quoted St Thomas Aquinas, who said that private property was necessary for human, life, and the minister argued that the recent experience of socialist economies in the eastern bloc proved that selfishness was not limited to or produced by capitalism.

He criticised clergymen who were out of tune with their

were out of tune with their congregations. In one parish, a woman who wished to buy her council house had been worried by an article in the parish magazine that suggested this was wrong. Mr Smith said: "Clergymen

who I know speak very compellingly for their constituents with a deep understanding of the social problems they face. It is certainly my experience that the church is in touch with the people much more than the government is."
The Rev Mark Davies, team vicar
of St Peter's in Vauxhall said: "I
do have a problem with government policy as it affects people in my area."

service to some low-income fam-ilies at legal aid rates. Other couples will be charged more, but less than than solicitors' fees. eral times over, had dictated that 'gave visit as alibi'

Sir Stephen Spender recalls TERRY Marsh told detectives a car journey across that he was visiting an aunt when his manager, Frank Warren, was shot, the Central Criminal Court America with the late Leonard Bernstein, an evocation of the conductor was told yesterday. and of Fifties America

MacLaine, back on the boards Shirley MacLaine talks about her return to the

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In taped interviews after his arrest, Mr Marsh allegedly said that on November 30 last year, after visiting a gymnasium in Wapping, east London, and calling at his flat to organise the sale of some furniture, he drove to his Aunt Winnie's house in Stepacy

The court was told that Marsh, a former world light welterweight boxing champion, claimed to have spent an hour drinking tea and discussing family matters before leaving at about 9pm.

He then drove to Basildon,

Essex, where he met his brother John in a public house. He told police that it was only after closing time, when he arrived at his parent's house in the town,

that he was told that his estranged wife Jacqui had telephoned his father with news of the shooting. He tried to ring her to find out what had happened but could get

Detective Inspector Peter Wiggins, who interviewed Mr Marsh on January 17 and 18, told him during the second interview that his alibi had been checked and that the aunt said he had not visited her. Mr Marsh, aged 32, who denies attempting to murder Mr Warren, aged 38, in Barking, east London, shortly after 8pm on November 30 allegedly replied: You are bullshitting."

Mr Marsh accepted that as a former Royal Marine he had received firearms training. But he said that just because he had been trained "to shoot and he shot at" in Northern Ireland, it did not qualify him as the "killing guy". He said: "If I had got the

slightest motive I'm going to be put in the frame for it." Mr Wiggins told him he had more than just a slight motive but a "really deep-seated vengeance" for Mr Warren. Mr Marsh replied:

"I would disagree with that en-tirely. It's in my favour to actually have the case because I will come out of it very well."
Earlier, John Morris, general secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, told the court that Mr Marsh effectively retired when he disclosed in The Sun that he had epilepsy. Mr Morris said that Mr Marsh had taken out a

manager's licence in 1988 and had

also become a co-promoter Mr Morris said: "Terry Marsh was an extremely courageous boxer. I have never seen anything other than exemplary behaviour from him. Everything about him has been to the credit of boxing." The trial continues today.

£4m art theft is resolved

ONE of the largest art thefts in America has been resolved, with 14 of the 28 stolen paintings recovered (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). No arrests have been made, however, because one of the thieves has died and the rest have been jailed for other crimes.

The works, thought to be worth as much as \$8 million (£4.1 million), were stolen in 1988 from Colnaghi in Manhattan, sister to the Bond Street gallery in London. In a night raid, the thieves swung on ropes between two buildings and entered a skylight which did not have an alarm.

The police said the thieves became frightened when they learned of the haul's real value in newspaper and television reports. They pawned some of the works for \$50,000 and fled the country.

into line.

Father says the Iraqis killed defence expert

A BRITISH defence expert found hanged in a Chilean hotel could have been given drugged coffee, injected and murdered because of what he knew about an Iraqi arms deal, his father claimed yesterday. deal, his father claimed yesterday.
Jonathan Moyle, aged 28, editor of Defence Helicopter World, was in Chile to report on an air show when his body was discovered in March this year. He was found hanged in his bedroom cupboard at his hotel in Santiago.

Tony Moyle, his father, of Branscombe, Devon, told a resamed inquest in Exeter into his son's death that the general

son's death that the general consensus in Chile was that his son was murdered, probably by the Iraqis. It was thought he had stumbled on a deal in which a Chilean arms manufacturer was to sell advanced belicopter guidance

systems to Iraq.
Mr Moyle told the inquest that

his son had said in a telephone call to his parents eight hours before he was found dead that he was inexplicably and dreadfully tired. "I am convinced he was sedated with his morning coffee and injected," Mr Moyle said, adding that the only way his strongly built son could have been put into a cupboard was if he had been overpowered. There was no sign of The Chilean post-mortem examination report spoke of strong sedatives being found in his

stomach, but that was suppressed by the original Chilean investigation, Mr Moyle claimed.
At yesterday's inquest, Albert Hunt, a Home Office pathologist, presented his post-mortem report, which will go to Chile, where the death is being treated as murder. The inquest was adjourned for

three months.

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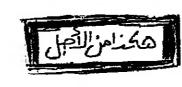
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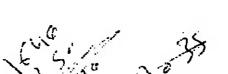
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Gummer tells milk industry to reform or face collapse

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the 57-year monopoly of the Milk Marketing Board was incapable of responding to Mr Gummer said any

The days when the average Gummer, the agriculture minister, said yesterday.

Speaking at the annual lunch of the Dairy Trade system reduced the rewards for innovation and the scope for developing logalized species.

future demands. "If we do not reform must not be cosmetic get the system right now, an and must ensure greater comincreasingly competitive mar-ket will mean that imports will and greater choice for the

Polys set to go green By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

POLYTECHNIC directors to-day launch a programme for the "greening" of their institu-Khan, a lecturer at Hatfield tions. They say that the polytechnic and national co-commitment to promote envi-ordinator for the project, ronmental awareness through describes the agreement as the the curriculum and to reduce first step towards environdamaging practices is the first mental responsibility across

by such a large sector. All but nine of the directors nitiative grew out of a direc- waste to run its heating.

the whole sector.

A number of polytechnics have signed an agreement to already have "green" policies, include environmental res- Sheffield polytechnic, for ponsibility in policy state- example, participates in its ments and to use resources city council's power-fromefficiently. Others are ex- waste system, reducing fuel pected to join later. The bills by burning household

BRITAIN'S milk industry dustry not in an orderly way, could be plunged into chaos if but by damaging and random farmers and the dairy trade impact," he said.

For the past two years the marketing Board, representing 32,000 dairy farmers in England and Welse. farmers in England and Wales, and the Dairy Trade Federation, representing dairy combeen arguing over how to ments by which milk is traded.

By law, the board is the sole buyer of milk from its members. Only a small group of farmers with their own processing facilities are allowed to operate outside the system. The board then fixes the prices at which milk is sold

Critics say this has hampered innovation and regional variety and thus Britain's ability to compete against cheeses and other new dairy products. Last summer, the board proposed turning itself into a voluntary co-operative, continuing to buy and collect

then putting it out to tender. Out then putting it out to tender. The federation yesterday put forward counter-proposals for the setting up of 30 regional producer co-operatives which could sell milk directly to local dairies. The board would be allowed to continue as a voluntary body, but after two years would not be permitted to buy and sell more than 25 per cent of all



Evelyn Glennie, the deaf percussionist, teaches Julie Warren, aged ten, a deaf pupil from Lacock school, Islington, north London, to play the xylophone. Miss Glennie was taking a break from rehearsals for Saint-Saëns's Carnaval des animans, to be performed at the Barbican, central London, tossorrow

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Union's victory is masked by tea-break dispute

Britain's engineering workers are well on their way to winning a 35-hour week. But now the loss of a morning tea-break could deny their union complete success. Tim Jones reports

tea-breaks at Rolls-Royce by four hours. Industries, straight from the script of I'm All Right Jack, the Boulting brothers' satire on the chaos and corruption practised by industrialists and union officials in the late 50s, is threatening to overshadow a profound and almost painless revolution on Britain's shop floors.

This week marks the anniversary of the campaign by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineer-ing Unions to reduce the working week from 39 to 35 hours and it is celebrated, as it began, with a decision by workers to go on strike if necessary to secure the aim.

More than 1,000 firms have so far agreed to give more than 500,000 workers a 37-hour week or less. The unions have now warned companies to expect a spring offensive to secure the 35-hour week.

The strategy has been simple and effective. In large companies such as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, workers at in-dividual plants have voted to stop work after being assured their strike fund will be topped up by contribu-tions from colleagues who continue to work.

That levy has so far amounted to more than £20 million, ensuring that those on strike can hold out almost indefinitely.

The most bitter manifestation of the campaign occurred at the BAe plant at Chester when the company was threatened with potential claims of more than £41 million from other partners in the consortium because a strike for a shorter working week was seriously threatening the European Airbus

Yesterday workers at GPT plant in Liverpool are waiting to hear the manage-ment response to their claim before deciding whether to take strike action.

When the campaign began, Peter Brighton, director general of the Engineering Employers' Faderation warned that thousands of jobs would be at risk if the unions succeeded in having

AN old-style dispute over their working week reduced

Rolls-Royce was the first UK company to agree a standard working week of fewer than 39 hours when its NEI subsidiary concluded an agreement at its Parsons factory on Tyneside last November. But a dispute over morning tea-breaks is preventing the company from completing negotiations on a shorter working week for its 20,000 manual workers. Blue collar workers at its Leavesden plant, near Watford, are protesting against the company's pro-posals to end the fixed time

The company says the staff can have ten during the morning when work allows, but union officials claim that as they have already given up provision for free tea and a fixed break in the afternoon, the company is being too inflexible.

Gavin Laird, general sec-retary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union said yes-terday: "The campaign for the shorter working week in Britain has been the most successful trade union campaign since 1979.

 One hundred jobs are to go in Luton with the closure of two engineering factories. Kent Process Control's Bra-mingham Park plant and ABB Robotics in Midland Road are being closed by their parent company Asea Brown Boveri.

The firm are shifting their operations to ABB factories in Milton Keynes and Stevenage, and 60 workers at Kent's, mainly in administration, are being made redundant with a further 100 staff having their jobs

About half the 80 workers at ABB Robotics, which produces robots for carmakers and other industries. will lose their jobs when the factory merges with its sister company at Million Keynes. The mergers are part of the Swedish/Swiss company's major shake-up of its UK

Two weeks ago Pre-Star announced it was closing down its Laton operation with the possible loss of 160



Roads 'need £120m

More than £120 million will have to be spent elminating local road blackspots in the next three years if national casualty reduction targets are to be met, road safety organisations said yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

The money is needed for safety schemes including improved junction layouts, road humps, mini-roundabouts, central refuges and pedestrian crossings. The association of metropoli-tan authorities said that the political will was there locally but central government must provide the resources.

Libel award

Mark Nurthen, aged 32, a police sergeant who led an ndecency raid on a joke shop in Covent Garden, central London, which sold chocolate sweets in obscene shapes, won £25,000 libel damages against The People yesterday for a report on the raid in which he was derided and defamed.

Cold comfort

The British Refrigeration Association said yesterday it would cost retailers at least £300 million to bring chilled display cabinets up to the standards required under by tiene regulations from April.

Deer hunt

Police are seeking a fully grown stag which brought traffic to a standstill as it galloped through Cheltenham town centre. The council's parks and recreation department said: "We are asking people to keep well clear if they see any deer in the town."

Weight limit South Tees health authority is refusing to recruit nurses or porters who are 25 per cent overweight saving that they are more prone to injury when lifting and moving patients.

Man extradited

William Charles Taylor, aged 42, of Toronto, is to be extradited to Britain on charges of conspiring to smuggle arms to the Ulster Volunteer Force, a Protestant terrorist organisation in Northern Ireland.

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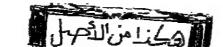
Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is improving slowly, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Sir Peter, aged 57, is still in intensive care after suffering a

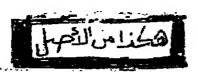
A clean sweep

Residents of Glanwydden in Gwynedd, fed up that the council never cleaned the village streets, have done the job themselves and forwarded the £732 bill. Aberconwy borough council has, however, refused to pay, saying that it would create a precedent of paying for unauthorised work.

Flying colours

The 12,000 black and white barnacle arctic geese which have arrived to winter at the Caerlaverock reserve in Dumfries & Galloway include breeding oddities - five completely white birds.





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Hunts flourish as call for ban is sounded again

The horn has been blown for a new hunting season and a million people will be involved in events until March. Michael Hornsby talks to enthusiasts and the sport's enemies

THE shires of England are again echoing to the sound of the chase after the opening written a history of this week of the fox-hunting season. In spite of decades of campaigning by anti-blood sports groups, sporadic vi-olence by that saboteurs and the loss of hunting country to farming urban sprawl and road building the sport seems to be flourishing as never before.

There are 194 packs of foxhounds in England and Wales - more than in the Edwardian heyday of country life - and they take part in some 21,400 days of hunting every season, according to the Masters of according to the Masters of Foxhounds Association. There are 48,000 hunt members and a further 400,000 people who regularly follow the hunt by car, on foot or on bicycle. We reckon that over a whole season, up to a million records. million people may be involved at one time or another if you include spec-tators and the thousands who turn out to watch such traditional events as the Boxing Day meet of the Quorn in Loughborough market place in Leicestershire." Brian Toon, for the

association, says.

Jane Ridley, historian daughter of the former cabinet minister, Nicholas Ridley, attributes the growing numbers taking part in hunting to the move into the country of people with townbased incomes. "Subscription to one of the top hunts can run to £1,000 a year, not to speak of the cost of keeping horses," she said.
"Yet most leading hunts

Ms Ridley, who has just written a history of foxhunting and rides to hounds with the Jedforest, a Border pack, thinks risk-taking is an important part of the attraction. "Dressing up in quaint early Victorian costume is like putting on a uniform. It makes you feel braver. I have done things when hunting that I would never dream of doing in cold

Yet as more people take part in foxhunting the pressure to get it banned is also growing. The start of this year's season coincides with the second attempt in two years to persuade members of the National Trust, who now number two million, to vote in favour of resolutions calling for bans on the hunting of foxes, hares, mink and deer on the 600,000 acres the trust owns.

The outcome of the mainly postal ballot will be announced at the trust's annual general meeting at Llandudno on Saturday. Few foxhunts are wholly dependent on use of trust land, and the legal terms on which some properties were donated to the trust stipulate that hunting should con-tinue. So the impact of a vote in favour of a ban might well be more psychological than

Conservative policy has been to treat participation in foxhunting as a matter for individual choice. There are, however, prominent oppo-nents of hunting on the Tory benches. Dame Janet Fookes, MP for Plymouth



They're off: the horses and the hounds, the sportsmen and the spectators lining up this week for the Hampshire Hunt at Preston Candover

Drake, who will be among for a ban, believes that the hunting of any animal with hounds should be prohibited. "The argument that hunting is part of the tra-ditional way of life in the countryside and must be preserved does not wash. So were bear-baiting, cockfighting and many other ex-

pursuits." Last month, the Labour

tremely unpleasant rural

party, in its new document on environmental policy, declared the "organised hunting of foxes, deer, hares and other mammals for pleasure in ways which are sure to inflict pain and suffering to be unacceptable to the majority of people in Britain". A future Labour government would hold a free vote on the

principle of a ban. John Blakeway, senior joint-master of the Belvoir, which hunts in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, says loss of hunting country to farming has been more of a problem than the activities of saboteurs and the antiblood sports lobby. "I have been hunting for 50 years. Increased cereal growing since the second world war has reduced the length of the hunting season by about a

Hunt enthusiasts argue that the fox is a pest to farmers and needs to be controlled, and that other methods, such as shooting. snaring and gassing, are more cruel than hunting. That argument is disputed by James Barrington, direc-tor of the League Against Cruel Sports. "Leaving aside the moral argument and the question of cruelty, hunting is a very ineffective form of control," he said. "Perhaps 10.000 to 12,000 foxes are

killed in hunts each season.

Yet as many as 70,000 are killed on the roads. We also question claims by sheep farmers that without control foxes would increase in number and prey more

heavily on lambs. "In Scotland, where the government subsidises for destruction clubs. Aberdeen University found that an estate which suspended fox control for three years suffered no increase in fox

Firearm licence charges criticised

POLICE forces are overcharging sportsmen and women for firearms certificates by inefficiently administering the licensing system, the country's largest shooting organisation

said vesterday.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation is calling for fees for certificates to be cut to a maximum of £10 and licences to be extended on renewal from three years to at least 10 years. The demands are supported by the National Pistol Association and the National Rifle Association. Gun-owners pay £46 for both the grant and renewal of firearms certificates and £17 for a shotgun licence, which

can be renewed for £11.
The 1988 Firearms Act introduced more stringent criteria governing the issuing of ford massacre,

A report commissioned by the British association from the accountants Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, who studied six forces, estimated the costs incurred by the police ranged from £9 to £35, averaging out at £21.50. John Swift, the association's director, said: "Since the 1988 Firearms Act we have had numerous complaints from members relating to inconsistent and unnecessary policing causing increased costs. This is clearly inefficient. The firearms organisations have always main-tained that since firearms licensing is for the benefit of the general public, it is only fair that some of the cost is met through the public purse."

The organisations plan to meet the police, Home Office officials and HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, as well as submit the report to the government's firearms consultative committee, to demand a nationally consistent system.

Prison for cannabis smugglers

THE skipper and crew of a yacht were jailed yesterday for trying to smuggle cannabis worth £4.5 million into Britain. William Sullivan, aged 47, of Romford, Essex, the skipper of the yacht Rosy, was sentenced to ten years after admitting illegally importing cannabis.

His daughter, Jenni Sullivan, aged 23, of the same each jailed for seven years. William Elliott, aged 49, of Watford, Hertfordshire, was sentenced to nine years. All

three had denied the charge. Truro Crown Court had been told that the yacht was tracked through French and Spanish waters until it suffered engine trouble ten miles off Falmouth, Cornwall, last October. When the boat called for help a Customs launch offered it a tow to Falmouth, where one-and-a-half tons of Moroccan cannabis was

Broadcasters plan to charge for listings

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

they now receive free, the Newspaper Society has said. BBC Enterprises, which

data on BBC, ITV, Channel 4, BSB and Sky programmes, has said it will charge for one-day weekend information. ITV Council is also considering a proposal from lishing, which publishes TV Times, that it act as the sole agent for the collection of

seven-day, one-day and week-end fees from those publishing ITV and Channel 4 listings. David Newell, head of government and legal affairs at the Newspaper Society, said: "It couldn't be the intention of

LEGISLATION aimed at broken up that local freesheets breaking up the television and regional evening newslistings duopoly could be papers be forced to pay for undermined by plans to force information they have always national and regional newspapers to pay for the one-day and weekend TV schedules listings at all."

He said that while the broadcasting bill had given all publications the right to pubpublishes Radio Times and lish a full TV instings service, it "the pricing structure may make it impossible for many

to compete". The Newspaper Society is to meet BBC Enterprises and ITP in November to persuade them to drop the proposed one-day and weekend charges. If both refuse, it will appeal to

the Copyright Tribunal.
A confidential memo to ITV directors from George Cooper, of ITP, detailing the proposed new charges, has ked ITV companies to keep the ITP proposals secret.
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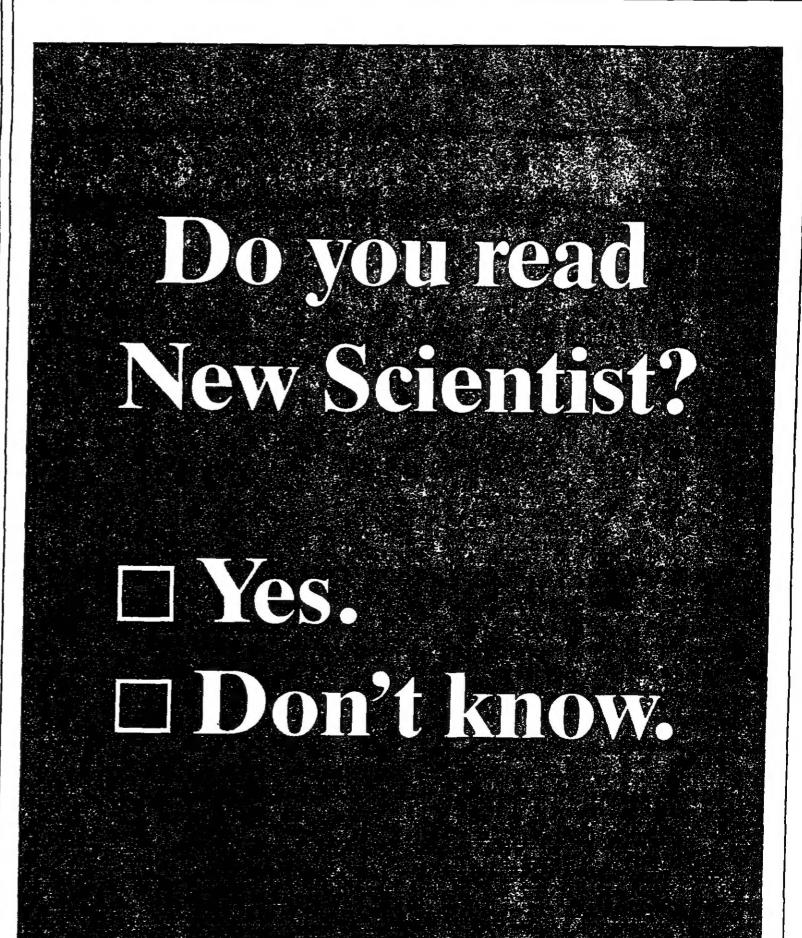
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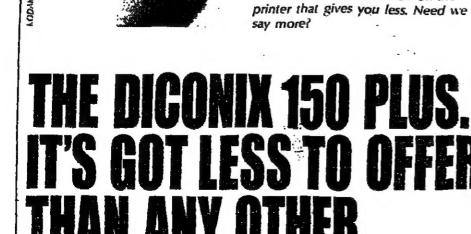
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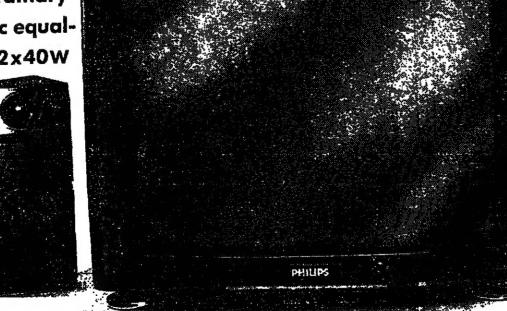
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MPs warn of cash shortfall as psychiatric units close

By JUL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

provide community care for mentally ill people discharged from hospital will cost at least £270 million over the next five the development of new years, according to an all party

The social services select committee said that the sale of hospital sites will not raise enough money to provide alternative local services for the 12,500 patients now in psychiatric institutions who will be discharged in the next

in addition, £30 million which the government has earmarked for the mentally ill pext year will not meet even the social care expenses for the 27,000 mentally ill people already in the community who have made contact with psychiatric services, the report says. Using figures from an evaluation by Kent university, the committee estimates that costs such as local authority contribute 30 per cent to the day care, occupational therapy and community psychiatric services would cost £75 million a year for these 27,000.

The report says that these to cost the service requirements of people with a mental handicap. "However, they illustrate the level of commitment required in resource terms to achieve a small part the care of the elderly mentally of the government's commu-

nity care reforms." The report contains 32 recommendations to improve community care plans. It calls that there was overwhelming for an interdepartmental ministerial committee to oversee enough money is provided of the government's chang and urges the government to

GOVERNMENT plans to close before adequate alternative services were available "We doubt that the sale of hospital sites in exchange for community services will make a major contribution to releasing the required resources for community care in the current says. The health department should publish details of which health authorities had

sites for sale, where these sites were and which had attracted nterest from developers. loans fund to help districts build up community services

value, the report says. The committee was also concerned that local authorities will be expected to not have to pay. The govern-ment should fund this contrilocal services were not penalised, the committee says. The report also recommends that extra money be earmarked for ill and the mentally

evidence that people were not was to ensure that the number provide details on how the of homeless was kept to a health department would ensure that no hospitals would 4's World at One.

Praise for superb chess duel as game ends with a draw

in New York was declared drawn carly yesterday after what some grandmasters nave what some grandmasters nave called one of the most superb duels in the championship's

The game, which lasted for ten hours over two days, had been a see-saw battle with first Gary Kasparov and then Anatoly Karpov taking the initiative. On the 84th move, Karpov, the challenger, offered a draw which Kasparov, the world champion, accepted.

The opening had once again been Kasparov's favourite Ruy Lopez variation and with it he built up a formidable attack against the black king.

Karpov, faced with enormous problems of defence, was also running into serious time pressure with only a few minutes to complete the first time control at move 40. But, although Kasparov held all the trumps, he seemed unable to land the decisive blow. The game was adjourned on

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By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

OLDER, well-off northerners are helping Britain's be-leaguered travel agents by using their credit cards to ensure a holiday in the sun

A survey by Lunn Poly. Britain's biggest retail travel agent, shows that bookings are running at about the same running at about the same 17 axb5 level as this time last year. The prices being paid are an average of 25 per cent higher, however, as holiday-makers opt for more distant locations and are prepared to pay more for top quality.

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third of all bookings are being
paid for with credit cards, with
customers apparently prethan the treasury of the treas In a trend that will worry customers apparently pre-pared to pay high interest rates rather than part with cash now. The survey, carried out among 504 Lunn Poly shops. shows that the number of bookings from Scotland and the North are up by an average 5 per cent, while bookings from the South have fallen by

about the same rate. There has also been continued fall in the number of people aged between 20 and 35 who can afford the new. th-price tours being offered operators anxious to prea repeat of last year's concusting which led to profit margins being cut to dangerously thin levels. The number of older customers booking these holidays is still

THE eighth game of the move 40 with Karpov a pawn World Chess Championship up and with every likelihood that he would win, taking a one-point lend after third of the 24 games.

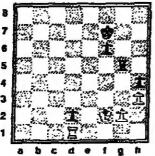
When the game restarted, however, Kasparov played what will go down in the history of championship chess as one of the great defensive rearguard actions. As Karpov saw his opportunities vanish. he once again faced serious time pressure. With just a minute left to make the four moves before the second time control at move 56, he missed a chance finally to demolish the white defences: On move 53, had he played Qf2, white's crumbling fortifications would have been swept away. Instead, he gave white the chance of a draw.

Kasparov succeeded first in lopping off black's extra pawn on the queen's wing while blockading black's powerful pawn on the d file which Karpov hoped to advance to become a queen.

Karpov's final error came with an injudicious pawn thrust on move 70. A queen attack then obliged Karpov to offer the exchange of queens, taking Kasparov out of danger. It had been a magnificent, if flawed struggle, Kasparov white, Karpov black

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Rural groups clash over housing shortage

the most serious problem in rural England, Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of the Rural Development Commission, said yesterday, a view dismissed immediately as complacent by a countryside pressure group (Nicholas

Speaking at the launch of the commission's annual report, Lord Shuttleworth

enough given the scale of the problem. The shortage of housing threatened the social balance in even the remotest areas. The commission, he said, could play an important advisory role and could significantly influence bodies such as the Housing Corporation, which had an

annual budget of £1.6 billion. Tony Burton, senior planner for the

England, said, however, that the commission was helping to damage the countryside by supporting the government's exceptions policy, which allowed housing to be built on land on the edge of villages that would not normally be asking the countryside to pay the price of

Fears raised over flood of unsafe goods after 1992

THE single European market association is concerned about in 1992 could open Britain's are irons with sole plates that doors to a flood of products melt. Irons manufactured in that do not meet British the UK since 1986 have been standards and might be dan- fitted with extra cut-outs to gerous, according to Which?, prevent melting but the European standard will not come into force until April 1993. the magazine of the Consumers' Association. The issue published today says that The association has also ex-European rules allow goods sold legally in one member country to be sold in any other, unless there is a proven risk to health and safety.

The British Consumer Protection Act makes the sale of unsafe goods a criminal offence. The association says, however, that it will not prevent the sale of such goods uct which complies with a European directive will be immune from prosecution."

ily apply throughout Europe.

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Burglar alarms to be curbed

The government is to introduce mandatory controls to require burglar alarms to cut off after 20 minutes, David Trippier, the environment minister, told the Commons last night when he opened a debate on curbine noise.

He added that car alarms were supposed to cut off after five minutes but often did not and frequently went off accidentally. The government was seeing what could be done to improve matters.

Tighter controls had reduced vehicle noise, he said, and it should be possible to reduce further the noise from cars and lorries. The government wa looking at the practicality of introducing metered noise testing of vehicles during the annual test or in

Personalised car plates

The sale of personalised H-registration number plates by the transport department has raised £5.6 million, Christopher Chope, roads and traffic minister, said in a Commons written reply. About 11,000 motorists have hosen their numbers since the scheme started on October I and more than 200,000 three-letter combinations are still

Ashdown plea to City

The Liberal Democrats are seeking backing from the City of London, Mr Paddy Ashdown said yesterday that the City had a direct interest in ensuring that Britain was part of the European mainstream and that the prime minister's views were defeated. The party's job was to lead the pro-European

£30m aid for development

A scheme to help small and medium-size companies to develop new products is to be launched next year. Douglas Hogg, the industry minister, told MPs that the government expected to provide £30 million for the scheme, to be called Spur, over three

Hansard at £6

The price of Hansard. the Commons official repost, is to go up by £1, to £6 a day, John Mai nomic secretary, said in a written reply. The weekly version will rise by £3. The rises, from next week, are aimed at cutting esti-mated losses of £1.2 million

Parliament today Commons (9.30) and the Lords (9.30): Prorogation.



The way to do it: John Browne (Winchester, C) demonstrating technique yesterday at the Lor clay pigeon shoot at Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, in aid of The Prince's Trust

Register scheme is killed

By PETER MULLIGAN

THE government won its battle against a compulsory dog registration scheme last night as peers voted by a narrow majority not to send the issue back to the Commons for a third time.

After a spirited debate, they decided by 158 votes to 139 against asking MPs to reconsider the matter after hearing Lady Blatch, the environment minister, dismiss the scheme as expensive and bureaucratic.

She said a dog register would soon contain details of thousands of dead animals and would quickly become defunct. Who, she asked, would deregister dead dogs found on the highway?

The debate was opened by Lord Stanley of Alderley, from who reminded the House how MPs had resisted the scheme by only three votes earlier this

He told them: "There is no constitutional reason whatsoever why you should not ask the House of Commons to think again.

"There is a very strong case for saying it is our duty as a revising chamber to do just

However, the scheme was derided by senior Tory peers. including Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, who described its registration fee as a "poll tax

tion go back some way. Lord Jenkin of Roding, the former environment secretary, said that he had tried to bring in a

dogs bill six years ago. He said: "I actually got a policy approved for a registra-tion scheme, but I failed dismally to persuade my colleagues to put it in the programme". He went on to

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Big rise in dockers' redundancy cash attacked in report

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REDUNDANCY to dockers arising abolition of the dock labour scheme are expected to rise from an estimated £25 million to £135 million, according to a report yesterday that criticised the transport department for financial mismanagement.

In another report by the National Audit Office, the employment department was also rebuked for weak financial control that allowed as much as £8 million to be paid to people involved in training mmes when no training was being done.
A total of £90 million was

paid in compensation to former registered dock workers in 1989-90 compared with an original transport department estimate of £10 million, a National Audit Office report of the 12 months since the dock labour scheme was abolished said. The big increase in payments was the result of a poor estimate by the depart-ment of the number of the 9,200 dockers on the scheme who would seek redundancy

after it was abolished in July

The government thought there would be between 1,500 and 2,000 redundancies, but by September this year three-The House heard that fifths of dockers had opted to AN INVESTIGATION by the fice, the historic royal palaces, disagreements on dog registra- leave the scheme. The unprime minister's efficiency the Queen Elizabeth conforeseen level of redundancies | unit was announced yesterday ference centre, the vehicle meant that the government's original financial estimate for redundancies had to be increased to £90 million and, according to the report, the total compensation costs

could reach £135 million. The report said that the government had admitted that its estimate of £25 million vote against the government. in overall redundancy costs estimate and a gness. It said that within ten weeks of the scheme being abolished 3,756 of the registered dockers had applied for redundancy and at the end of last year and the beginning of this, redundancies were running at about

a hundred a month. Under the act abolishing the scheme, the government set ments aimed at removing the rigidities imposed by the 1947 scheme which restricted dock work at ports in the scheme to egistered workers and registered employers. The compensation was also aimed at helping to reduce over-

Last night, John Prescott, the shadow transport sec-retary, said that it had cost the nation millions of pounds to the dock labour scheme. He ety of the charges."

"coming" the taxpayer to pay for the ending of a scheme that had been replaced by cheap casual labour in the docks. In a second report, the National Audit Office criticised the weak financial management of the employ-

ment department's employ ment training and youth training programmes. It said that the weakness in control was so serious that a more detailed examination was to be carried out.

The report showed that, of £1.4 billion paid in 1989-90 to managers and agents operating both training schemes, £55 million was not supported by proper audit evidence. "This these amounts had been improperly paid; however, the nation millions of pounds to absence of satisfactory evi-pay for the government's ideo-logical obsession to get rid of uncertainty about the propri-

Efficiency study for 'quiet revolution'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

into the quiet revolution of inspectorate and at Com-Whitehall that is instilling panies House. Among the business-like attitudes into the

It will focus on the effects on ministers and their departvants by next summer into free-standing executive agen-minute cies under the Next Steps service. initiative. Announcement of the study, to report next January, coincided with pub-lication of the first annual report on the 34 agencies employing a total of 80,000

already set up.
A further 28 departments are candidates for agency sta-tus in what is predicted to be an enduring legacy of the Thatcher administrations, eradicating for ever the popular image of bureaucrats portrayed by Men from the Ministry and Yes, Minister.

Peter Kemp, the Next Steps project manager in the Cabi-net Office, said yesterday that the reform of the civil service started more than two years ago by Margaret Thatcher had now gained credibility despite early resistance from civil servants and the Whitehall

"There is no policy for abolishing the civil service. What we are getting is a more federal structure," he said. David Mellor, the civil service minister, said that the reform is challenging the civil

service to meet the needs of

istomers better. Describing the "successes" of the new agencies, the report cites better services and cost controls at the Stationery Of-tion Office).

torate can now be carried out on Saturdays, examiners exments of detaching nearly half plain faults to failed driving Britain's 560,000 civil ser- test candidates and Complain faults to failed driving panies House offers a 20minute search and a fax

Mr Kemp said that 12 of the chief executives running the agencies have been brought in from the private sector. Unlike government departments. the agencies can vary the salary of top officials "to get the right person for the job".

The next batch of government departments, employing a total of 201,590 civil servants, marked as executive agency candidates by next

Carby (Welsh Historic Monuments), Central Science Lab-oratory, Central Statistical Office, Chessington Computer Centre, Child Support Agency, Civil Service Com-mission, Defence Research Agency, Directorate General of Defence Accounts, Farm and Countryside Service, Fuel Suppliers Branch, Historic Scotland, Military Survey, NHS Estates, Passport Office, Pollution Inspectorate, Property Holdings, RAF Training Royal Parks, Service Children's Schools, Social Security Benefits Agency, Social Sec-urity Contributions Unit, Valuation Office, Youth Treatment Service, Rating Di-vision (Northern Ireland), Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue (except Valua-

Livelier palaces

THE Historic Royal Palaces became a Next Steps agency in October last year with the management of the Tower of London, Hampton Court. Banqueting House, Kensington and Kew palaces handed over to chief executive, David Becton. He has an annual staff. The original profit target of £3.8 million this year has been revised to £4.7 million.

professional managers to run. Agencies (Stationery Office; the shops and bureaux de £8.30) and Progress in the change at the tourist attracNext Steps Initiative: Governtions. In addition, visitors ment reply to the eighth report can watch videos of state tionery Office; £4.10).

occasions with the Royal Family wearing the jewels. The videos have proved so popular that some visitors rejoin the back of the queue just to see the whole file A video at Hampton Court shows the fire damage and restoration work. The palace budget of £22 million and 350 park was leased for a flower show, attracting an extra 100,000 visitors.

Changes introduced include. Government - The Next Steps queucing to see the Crown of the Commons Treasury and sewels at the Tower of London civil service committee (Sta-

Dead parrots fly off with a happy grin

the jokes about dead and now twitch-ing parrots. When your opponents feel the need to insult you, you are back in the game, and Paddy Ashdown's band of 20 are ending the parliamentary session with grins on their faces.

They had the best of the party conference season. They won Eastbourne. And their opinion poll standing is almost triple what it was in January. Today, Mr Ashdown and his colleagues will meet at the National Liberal Club for an all-day session to plan

their election strategy, opening with a presenta-tion from Des Wilson. their campaign director. Mr Ashdown will argue for the "Five E's" of edutoral reform. Europe and the market economy to become the Three plus two. Full participation in Europe and electoral reform, he will suggest, should be presented as the two essentials from which the necessary improve-ments on the others may be obtained. But tactically he will conclude that what is required for Liberal Demo-

crat advance is for the anti-Tory tide to continue and for Labour to be seen not as a

threat but as a plastic party incapable of making firm choices.

Leading Liberal Democrats believe that the Alliance suffered in 1987 because too many people became frightened of a Labour government and reverted to supporting the Tories to keep them out. So the Liberal Democrate will not be pleasing the desired. Democrats will not be playing the reds under the beds card. Their tactical aim will be to present Labour as vacuous rather than threatening.

All the parties would like to know just what Eastbourne means in terms of third party revival. Before them today the Liberal Democrat MPs will have a study commissioned from the Oxford psephologist, Michael Hart, assessing the lessons of that by-election success.

Mr Hart's conclusion is interesting. His paper says: "Even if the Liberal Democrats'

the Liberal Democrats can live with vote declines nationally at the next election, it could still increase in the seats where the party lies second to the Tories particularly where it is clearly second and has a strong base in local government"

Mr Hart says that the near 19 per cent fall in the Tory vote at Eastbourne was more than in any by-election in the last Parliament except Brecon and Radnor. Hepoints out that the Eastbourne Liberal Democrats had consistently polled nearly as well as the Tories in local government. And he highlights the willingness of Labour voters in Eastbourne to

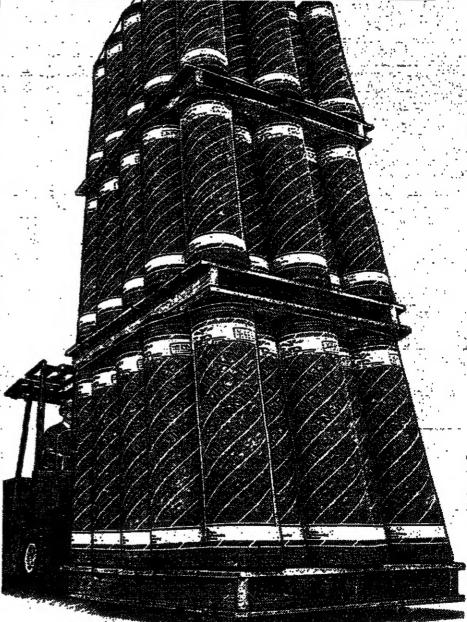
transfer to the Liberal Democrats despite Labour's strong lead in hat-ional opinion polls. His-research establishes that a practice evident in Scotland at the 1987 general election has now spread to England. Supporters of parties lying third in Tory seats have shown a greater propensity than at any time since 1945 to switch to the second-placed party in parliamentary by-elections. Looking at the 1987 results, Mr Hart finds: There is a clear correlation between an increased

aced Alliance vote and a declining third-placed Labour vote".

Mr Hart has identified 18 seats which he says the Liberal Democrats can win at the next election even if their vote levels out at about 15 per cent nationally, with the implication that we shall see a significant increase in tactical voting at the next general election if the Liberal Democrats

get their targeting right. enneth Baker may be dancing a moderate jig at the possibility of a Liberal Democrat revival seeing Margaret Thatcher home by splitting the anti-Conservative vote as in 1983 and 1987, but it may not work that way. The Liberal Democrats could well be helping to dismantle Mrs Thatcher's majority, in the process building thenselves enough influence to count for something in a hung

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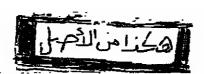
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Moldavians 'storm border posts' in protest over troops

der posts on the Soviet frontier with Romania to demand the withdrawal of by far the most serious re-Soviet interior ministry troops from the south of the republic. in the republic, coincided with The reports, from Tass, said that more than 3,000 Moldavians had stormed two border checkpoints early in the morning, threatening to kill the held last Thursday in three guards and cross to Romania southern regions of Moldavia, for assistance unless their demands were met.

A group of Moldavian officials, including a deputy prime minister, Konstantin Oborok, and the co-chairman of the nationalist Popular Front organisation, Mikhai Gimpu, were said to have flown to the border by helicopter to negotiate an end to the blockade. Latest reports tise such incidents. The south-

ister of the Russian Federa-

tion, vowed yesterday that Russia would start im-

Russia would start im-plementing the "500-day" plan for a rush to the market

economy from today. This

was the date agreed by the

Russian parliament last

Mr Silayev's decision,

resolution, was passed almost

unanimously at a special late

sitting of the Russian per-

liament last night. But the

wording of the resolution and

Mr Silayev's introduction gave little confidence that the

Russian leadership was either

ready or willing to proceed

without the co-operation of

Two weeks ago the Soviet

parliament approved President Gorbachev's final pro-

gramme for the switch to a

market economy, which com-

bines tight fiscal control from

the centre, but leaves the

ments free to decide many

questions of social and eco-

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Russia vows race

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

IVAN Silayev, the prime min- nomic policy. The programme

MOLDAVIAN nationalist say that the blockade has been west of Moldavia is populated volunteers were reported yes- suspended, but the border mainly by christianised ethnic terday to have blockaded bor- points have not returned to

> The incidents, which were ported in the week-long crisis the opening of the self-styled parliament of the "Gagauz Republic". It was the elections to this parliament, which were that precipitated the latest unrest and aroused fears of civil war in the region.

> Tass reports from Moldavia cannot be verified. No journalist, Soviet or foreign, has been allowed into the region, and if Moscow was contemplating tougher action against Moldavian activists it would have reason to drama-

conflicts in many respects with Russia's "500-day"

scheme, and one of the archi-

tects of that scheme, a Russian

deputy premier, Grigori

Yavlinsky, resigned his post, saying that Russia would find

it impossible to proceed alone.

sian Federation government,

with the likely support of the

Russian president, Boris

Yeltsin (who is currently

recuperating from a car ac-

cident in the southern resort of

Kislovodsk) have spent the

past two weeks trying to

devise ways in which the

"500-day" programme could

The wording of yesterday's

resolution indicates that Mr

Silayev's pleage to proceed with the "500 days" is little

as it did not conflict directly

with the Russian programme.

none the less be continued.

Other members of the Rus-

and determined. Gagauz representatives were reported to have appealed to Moscow for protection, and interior ministry troops were mobilised and sent to the Gagauz region. At that point, the whole area was scaled off, and all journalists were kept out.

There is, still confusion about the role and purpose of to market economy

Turks, or Gagauz, who de-

claimed that their action was a

among the ethnic Romanians who populate the rest of

Moldavia and who dominate the republic's party and gov-

ernment organs.
When last week's elections

in the south began, several thousand Moldavian volun-

teers mustered in the republic

capital, Kishinev, and trav-

elled in a fleet of buses to the edge of the Gaganz area in an attempt to halt the elections.

Some had firearms, but most

were armed with sticks, metal

bars and other primitive

weapons. According to wit-

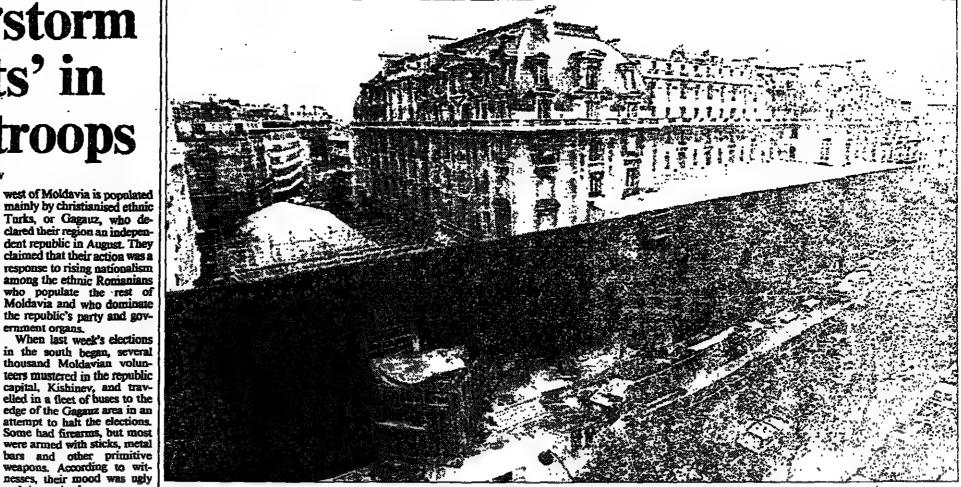
nesses, their mood was ugly

the interior ministry troops and to whom they are subordinate. When first mobilised, official reports said they had been placed at the disposal of the Moldavian government by the Soviet government at the request of the Moldavian parliament. It was later reported, however, that they were under the overall command of Yuri Shatalin, who is commander of the interior

ministry troops.

The fact that the militants who stormed the border checkpoints yesterday were demanding the withdrawal of these troops suggests that they are under central, not republic, command, or at least that this is how they are perceived. This means that they could become the target of attacks from Moldavian and Gagauz

more than a gesture and that the Russian leadership has, in rutionalists. fact, chosen to follow the first The Moldavian communist of the three options outlined party leadership yesterday broke its silence to express by Mr Yeltsin two weeks ago. That was to go along with the central programme, in so far serious concern" over the deteriorating situation in the republic and call for the return of all Moldavian volunteers.



Screened out: as the barriers come down around Europe, a new barricade is erected in central Paris, where stringent security measure are being introduced at the Kleber conference centre for a gathering of heads of state at the CSCE European security conference later this month

German court puts limit on franchise

From Ian Murray

ONLY Germans can vote in German elections, the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe ruled unanimously yesterday. The decision, based on a strict interpretation of what was West Germany's Basic Law. provoked immediate calls for the law to be amended before it is adopted as the constitution of all Germany.

The court had been asked to rule on the issue by the Christian Democrats, their Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union, and the state of Bavaria itself after the Social Democrat governments in both Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein decided to allow certain categories of foreigners to vote in local elections.

Hamburg had agreed to grant the vote to all foreigners of good character who had lived in the city for at least stein was prepared to give the vote to citizens of all those places which allow foreigners to take part in their elections, including Ireland, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland.

But the Consitutional Court decided that to enfranchise anyone who was not a German would run counter to the principle that the state is created by its own people. According to the court the word people does not include the totality of those who are concerned with the decisions of the executive power but only Staatsvolk, the people of the state itself.

Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein immediately declared the court ruling morally wrong and will press for amendments to the Basic Law. They argue that it is particularly undemocratic to deprive other European Community citizens of the right to vote.

Cuomo takes the campaign stage in style of a would-be president

IF POLITICAL reporters ap-pointed presidential candidates, the race for 1992 would be almost over: Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York state, would already have secured the Democratic

nomination and be closing in on the White House. With politicians more reviled as a class than they have been for years, and voters in record numbers likely to spurn next Tuesday's mid-term elections, the "Mario

Scenario", as it became known in 1988, is back in vogue. Although he faces only token opposition next week from a challenger who has been disowned by his own Republican party, Mr Cuomo has been campaigning vigorously in the tones of a national politician.

In 1988 the script had it that Mr Cuomo, the articulate, passionate, but reluctant New York Democrat would be coopted by a squabbling party to replace the political dwarfs then vying for the presidential mantle. In the event Mr

the cant and compromises of social justice have resurfaced Strauss, the former national Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Washington. It is a role that as potential winners and no- Democratic chairman. :old Mr Cuomo has played ever since he enraptured the party with a speech at the San Francisco convention of 1984. Then, at the height of Reaganism, he struck a decidedly un-Eighties note: "We must get the American public to look past the glitter, beyond the showmanship to reality, to the hard substance of things," he said.

With his eloquence and sense of destiny, Mr Cuomo, now aged 58, is seen by many outside New York state as the "UnBush", a leader above politics and, above all, one who has the "vision thing". Until the past couple of months, however, wisdom held that the governor would be wasting his time in a race against a popular incumbent Republican in 1992. America, it was held, would not take kindly to another northeastern

Dukakis. That has changed with this autumn's swing of mood, provoked by jitters over the Since then political junkies and the damage done to Mr have looked to Albany, the Bush's authority by the budget state capital, whenever they debacle. The old liberal and west glimpse his strength that last New York governor

ethnic so soon after Michael

body embodies them better than Mr Cuomo, a New York trial lawyer and champion of

his hat into the ring. Although he is guaranteed re-election to his governor's seat, he has been campaigning with corrosive attacks on the Bush administration. With the righteous fury of a vindicated prophet, he has been expounding on the profligacy of the 1980s. America is fighting for survival, he says. "Between Iraq and a hard place, I don't see a solution, but I think

there are some things you'd better do," he said recently. Over the past month he has begun using his humble Italian origins as an asset. "Can you imagine me in white shoes and tennis racket saying 'Read my hips, I went to Yale?" he asked at a gathering of Italian supporters last month after the Ivy League President Bush made the pun on his now

disavowed election promise. able obstacle once the south

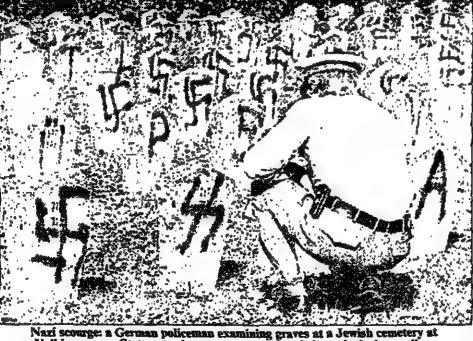
him last time round: "We don't like Marios in Texas, and we don't like Eyetalians the underdog.

This time Mr Cuomo looks and we don't like New Yorkers. But we like cojones and we as if he may decide to throw can hear yours clanking from a

mile away." There are many snags to the Mark 2 Mario Scenario, stemming from what critics see as arrogance and aloofness. And then there is the big question of his record. Captivated by his candour and intelligence, the national media have so far exempted his eight years as governor from the usual scrutiny. He has repeatedly vetoed the return of capital punishment at a time when crime is at an historic high and, to the fury of the Catholic Church, to which he belongs, having been Jesuit-trained, he has supported abortion rights.

But, overall, his actions have proved more cautious than his rhetoric, and he is now coming under fire for failing to stem the slide of the state economy.

Nevertheless, at present background as a surmount- well placed for a crack at following in the footsteps of have needed a counterpoint to themes of compassion and of character. As Robert to reach the White House,



Vaihingen near Stuttgart, where resurgent neo-nazis have daubed swastikas

MOSCOW NOTEBOOK by Mary Dejevsky

Perestroika idols are toppled

n the cold and rainy summer of 1987, when perestroiks and its watchword the "human factor" first started to gain currency, the man of the moment was one Dmitri Likhanov, a journalist and public figure, who led a tear-jerking cam-paign to improve the lot of Soviet orohans. The campaign stemmed from a book, now made into a film, about the wretched childhood of an orphan in Stalin's Russia, and scarcely a day went by without articles describing the still disgraceful state of children's homes. The fruit of the campaign was the Lenin All-Union Children's Fund to which roubles flowed in their millions. Dmitri

Likhanov became its president. Three years and two months on, Mr Likhanov is being vilified. Three of the fund's staff are on hunger strike, calling for a parliamentary com-mission to investigate its affairs. Many more sympathise with them. Mr Likhanov is accused of making the fund into just another arm of the state apparatus, and of concentrating on fund-raising and campaigning at the expense of the children the fund was supposed to help.

e accuses his errant staff of resorung to ultimatums before the possibilities of dialogue had been exhausted. The dispute, to which no solution is yet in sight, threatens the future of the first large charity to be established in the Soviet Union since the Bolshevik revolution. Mr Likhanov is not the only hero of Derestroika to have fallen from his Pedestal. If there is one piece of news has depressed Russians even More than the austerities forecast in

esident Gorbachev's economic re-

m plan, it is confirmation that the

Anatoli

Kashpirovsky and his family have emigrated to Poland. Kashpirovsky — he is universally

referred to by his surname only - was idolised by millions of Russians for his calming late-night television performances. With circling hand gestures and the penetrating gaze of his startlingly blue eyes, he adjured careworn Russians to relax, cast off their anger and be kind to their neighbours.

Strangely, perhaps, Kashpirovsky's choice of Poland for his new home has distressed people as much, if not more. than the fact of his emigration. There is a ready understanding of why someone successful might want to emigrate to the West; but to Poland?

Psychotherapy may be above price in these dark days, but more mundane commodities are not. A few weeks ago the Moscow McDonald's hamburger restaurant famous for having the largest waitingtime to eating-time ratio - doubled its prices and the queue has been halved. Researchers have long asked them-selves whether the deprived Soviet consumer is price-sensitive; now they have their answer.

While many Muscovites decided that £10 was too much to spend on a Big Mac, they were less keen to go without their home-produced French fries. Three weeks ago they were told that unless they went out to the farms to pick the potatoes themselves, the bulk of the crop would have to be ploughed back into the ground and

Moscow would face a potato famine. In a quiet way the self-help idea caught on. The weekend before last, 30,000 people were reported to have gone potato-picking. Alas, so permanently stretched is the city's economy that modest success in one area immediately transfers the strain to

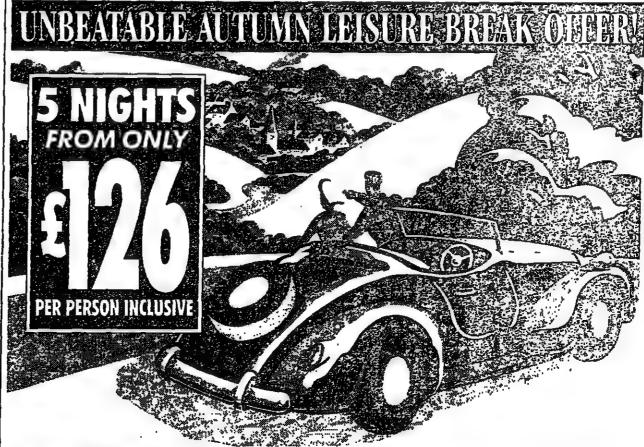
public transport was being reduced by 10 per cent because buses had been requisitioned to ferry the amateur polato-pickers to the farms. The 10 per cent reduction, however, even if it really is only 10 per cent, need not mean just a longer wait.

Some key bus routes have simply been cancelled. Scrappy notices tied to bus stops say: "In connection with the emergency measures to gather in the vegetable harvest, bus route No. X has been abolished." There are suspicions



that the word "abolished" means exactly that, and the vegetable harvest is merely a more popular way of saying "the fuel shortage", which is already causing long queues at petrol stations and flight cancellations.

The nationwide preoccupation with potatoes this autumn has spawned a new joke: What would happen, it asks, if the Warsaw Pact were crossed with Nato? The answer, uttered without malice and with just a sliver of hope, is: the Bundeswehr would organise the Moscow potato harvest.



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From Michael Theodoulou in nicosu

EGYPT, clearly suspicious of Soviet motives, yesterday rejected a call by President Gorbachev for an emergency Arab summit on the Gulf, which it said would only lead to a showdown between Arab

Responding to fears that war might be closer, President Mubarak sent his foreign minister to Jedda for urgent talks with the foreign ministers of Syria and Saudi Arabia, the other key players in the Arab anti-Iraq alliance. Jordan's tireless King Husain, meanwhile, flew to Oman for what was billed as a new peace drive.

President Muharak said the recent second round of Middle East shuttle diplomacy by the Soviet special envoy, Yevgeni Primakov, had produced no clear results and that, without anything specific to discuss, an Arab summit would degenerate into a showdown between those leaders who support Iraq and those who are opposed to it.

"If we are going to call an Arab summit while there is no clear vision, it will be a summit of insults. We reject a summit of insults," he told reporters. "We would like to ask if the Soviet envoy managed to reach something definite so that we can hold an Arab summit to discuss some-thing specific. We have not been

Similar fears were expressed in the leading Syrian newspaper, Tishreen. The summit call, it said, is only an attempt to prolong the crisis and clear the way for the only remaining solution, the military option, which is a devastating

'European terror union' uncovered

Amsterdam - Dutch extremists have forged links with foreign terror groups to create a "West European revolutionary front timed at sabotaging preparations according to a secret report by the Central Criminal Intelligence Unit Mark Fuller writes).

The study, leaked to De Telegrand here, suspects that "antiimperialists" from squatter and anti-apartheid groups, are co-ordinating plans with the IRA, Eta in Spain, and the German Red Army Faction. The police have evidence that three IRA suspects - who will go on trial here at the with the murder of two Australians - set up a base in The Hague with the help of a Dutch student.

Detroit fire spree

Detroit - Firefighters were out throughout this city battling random fires started by arsonists on Devil's Night, the city's annual fire spree on the eve of Halloween. However, about 35,000 volunteers patrolled the streets and police said the number of arrests was down on last year. (AFP)

Sentence upheld

Paris - The Appeal Court here upheld a 20-year sentence on Tunisian-born Fouad Saleh, aged 32, convicted in connection with a wave of bombings in the French capital in 1985 and 1986 that killed 13 people and wounded more than 250. The court also contirmed verdicts against several of his accomplices. (AFP)

Satellite found

Washington - An American spy satellite that was believed to have suffered catastrophic failure and broken apart soon after its launch in March has been spotted 503 miles high by amateur astronomers. It apparently has been there all along, said one, who determined it was the secret payload put into orbit from the space shuttle Atlantis on March I. (AP)

Liberia looting

Abidian - Looting by remnants of former president Samuel Doe's army has stopped food distribution in war-ravaged Monrovia, where people are dying of starvation, say relief workers. They added that the soldiers were roaming the Liberian capital again after starting to co-operate with a West African task force sent to stop the war. (.4P)

Moi attacks BBC

Nairobi - President Moi of Kenya lambasted the BBC for what he described as lies and hostility against the country. He was quoted as expressing concern over hostility shown to Kenya by the BBC". A BBC spokesman said that any complaints against particular reports would be considered. (Reuter)

Dissident freed

Peking - Wang Ruowang, a dissident Chinese writer jailed after the June 1989 repression of dissent, has been released in Shanghai, a government official said. The writer, aged 72, was awaiting resolution of his case, the official added. (Reuter)

option that will only bring catastrophe to the Arabs' The Soviet leader said there was

a slight change in Iraq's position following Mr Primakov's trip to Baghdad, and on Monday called for an inter-Arab meeting as the best way of ending the Gulf confrontation. The official Soviet news agency said Mr Primakov

had left Iraq empty-handed.

A leading Egyptian newspaper spoke openly about its suspicions of the Soviet stand. Ibrahim a confidant of President Mubarak, said Moscow's call for an Arab summit was an attempt to disguise Mr Primakov's diplomatic failure "serves Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's strategy of stalling in the belief that time is on

He added: "Can an Arab summit meeting achieve what the whole world has failed to do? Or does the Soviet Union want the Arab summit to give false legitimacy to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait? And does the Soviet Union want us to pressure Kuwait to give up part of its territories?"

This fear was one of several believed to have prompted the sudden and unscheduled meeting yesterday in Jedda of the Egyptian, Saudi and Syrian foreign ministers whose countries spearhead the Arab military build-up in

All three are concerned that Iraq may be driving a wedge between permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, with the United States and Britain taking a tough and uncompromising stand and the Soviet Union and France raising vague possibilities of a compromise solution.

The foreign ministers were also expected to discuss the growing rift in the Arab world and the possible divisions between their governments and peoples if war breaks out in the Guil.

A sudden spate of attacks on the United States in the Syrian media during_the past week, the first since Damascus agreed to despatch troops to the Gulf in August, were seen as intended for domestic consumption. Western dipiomats believe 80 per cent of Syrians sympathise with Iraq. Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are keen to see the power of President Saddam neutralised but fear war as much as his survival. Their foreign ministers were expected to

work on a common action plan.
Adopting a more conciliatory tone to Bashdad than he has used in recent weeks. President Mubarak said he was willing to belo Iraq in negotiations about its claims with Kuwait, but only after it withdrew from the emirate.

King Husain of Jordan, who has the most to lose from a war in the Gulf, embarked on another round of diplomacy yesterday, leaving for two days of talks in Muscat with Sultan Qaboos of Oman, who is the current chairman of the sixnation Gulf Co-operation Council, a body that would play a key role in any settlement.

Leading article, page 15 now empty of commercial traffic



Dry run: Israeli conscripts of the elite Givati Brigade making a practice beach landing on the Mediterranean coast near Ashqelon yesterday in a manoeuvre near the end of their training

'Gucci kingdom' on its knees as sanctions take heavy toll

JORDAN, once referred to as "the Gucci kingdom" because of the conspicuous consumption of the richer of its 3.4 million inhabitants, has been brought economically to its knees by the first three months of the Gulf confrontation. Although Germany, Japan and

the United States have pledged aid, government officials claimed erday that so far not a penny has been paid. Foreign reserve are close to zero and Basil Jardaneh, the finance minister, has said that if help is not received soon it will be impossible to convince a sceptical public of the continued need for imposing sanctions against fraq.

To the undisguised fury of many Palestinians, 60 per cent of the population, these are now being scrupulously adhered to in every area except oil, 40,000 barrels a day of which are still

being imported from Iraq.
The road north to the Iraqi border from Jordan's Red Sea port of Acaba, once carrying 50 sanctions-breaking lorries an hour, is

occasional lorry bringing back the belongings of one of the 100,000 Jordanian expetriates who have returned from Iraq or Kuwait.

Alternate street lights along the desert highway are now switched off as part of energy-saving mea-sures introduced after Saudi Arabia cut oil supplies to punish Jordan for its pro-Iraqi stance.

In Amman, shops and all other commercial establishments, with the exception of pharmacies, bakeries, clinics and petrol stations. now close early on government orders. The official weekend has been extended to take in Thursday and Friday, and during the week places of entertainment must close and all neon signs be turned off in

the early evening. "As winter and probably war approaches, there is a psychological feeling of gloom which is matched by the darkness in the street," said one Palestinian shopkeeeper, a strong supporter of President Saddam Hussein whose portrait, with those of King Husain and Yassir Arafat, adorns

except for the tankers and the his window, as it does many buildings in Jordan. No area of daily life remains

> drifting towards disaster," the king said recently. Friends say he has grown more depressed as chances of a settlement slip away. A United Nations envoy estimuted that the conflict could com Jordan \$4 billion (£2 billion) by the end of 1991. Unemployment is

unaffected by the conflict. "We are

expected to double from its present level of 20 per cent. Mr Jardaneh said that if financial aid did not arrive quickly it would be hard to keep supplying "hasic human needs". There are real fears that resentment could spill on to the streets.

Recent visitors to Baghdad claim that with the end of petrol rationing there, sanctions are now hitting Jordan harder than Iraq. The US State Department, increasingly impatient with what it regards as the king's position on the fence, is unsympathetic. "Shut it all down (trade with Iraq) and the aid will come fairly quickly," a spokesman said in Washington.

Israel fears Syria is weak link in anti-Iraq alliance

From Richard Owen in Jerusalem

cracks were appearing in the coalition against President Saddam Hussein of Iraq just as hostilities in the Gulf appeared to be more likely, if not imminent. Officials identified Syria as the weak link". They said that, in spite of that country's obvious gains from participation in the anti-Iraq alliance, including "a relatively free hand in Lebanon", there had been indications from Damascus that, if Israel were involved in hostilities, President Assad would put aside his hatred of President Saddam and align simself with Baphdad after all.

General Amos Gilboa, a former senior officer in Israeh military intelligence, said Israel had monitored a distinct sharpening of anti-American and anti-Israeli thetoric in Damascus over the past few days. Syrian officials had stated clearly that Syria would have no choice but to side with Iraq if an Iraqi-Israeli front

opened up.
"In any case, I more than doubt Whether either Syria or Egypt would take part in any offensive action in Kuwait," General Gil-boa told a press briefing, "The most they would do is take up defensive positions in Saudi Ara-bia," He said President Assad was dragging his feet over his promise to President Bush to send a Syrian armoured brigade to Saudi Arabia. Tank crews were beginning to leave Syria for the Gulf, but their tanks, armoured personnel carriers and artillery had so far remained in Syria. Damascus had dispatched only "two to three commando battalions".

Yossi Olmert, head of the government press office and a leading Israeli expert on the Arab world, said Saudi Arabia, the exiled government of Kuwait and the Western nations had made a huge error in providing Syria with money as a "reward" for its participation in the anti-frag co-alition. He put the total funds so far made available to Syria at \$3 billion (£1.5 billion).

"Syria would have joined the coalition in any case, for its own reasons," Mr Olmert said. "Giving it large amounts of money has only enabled Syria to buy weapons it could no longer afford because of the withdrawal of Soviet military support. We are in danger of creating a new Middle East monster so soon after creating the monster of Saddam Hussein. This is very short-sighted.".

Dipiomats said Israel clearly feared that the determination of the US to preserve its anti-Saddam coalition at all costs would in the long term lead to a pro-Arab tilt in Washington and a devaluation of the traditional American alliance with Israel. Israeli officials habitually refer, with ill-disguised contempt, to the so-called anti-Iraq coalition".

General Gilboa said Syria had repeatedly made it clear that, despite the anti-Baghdad coalition and the loss of Soviet support for Damascus, it was not turning into an American ally. Syria was not interested in a formal peace with Israel, with the Israeli flag flying in Damascus as it now did in Cairo. Instead, President Assad wanted the return of the Golan Heights and, at best, a state of "non-belligerence" with Israel Syria remained an aggressive, radical

ISRAEL yesterday claimed that and "anti-imperialist" Arab state, he said.

But the United States had been willing to overlook such realities because of its overwhelming desire to keep Syria in the coalition, General Gilboa added. Syria's reputation as the most nationalist of Arab states gave the coalition "an Arabic colouring" that it would lack if Damascus withdrew. Asked why President Assad would risk the gains be had so far won by questioning or undermining the alliance, General Gilboa and Mr Olmert said the Syrian leader might fear that Mr Bush was hesitant about going to war and needed a push".

The Syrian nightmare was that the United States would fail to act and President Saddam would emerge triumphant, leaving Damascus at the mercy of the Iraqi dictator economically, politically and even militarily.

Officials said Syria's gains so far included not only aid for its faltering economy but the ability to operate with impunity in Lebanon with tacit US approval. A further gain was the re-emer-gence of President Assad as an important player on the Middle

Hopes rise as militias agree to quit Beirut

battle over

الرحاسية كرهواء

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

LEBANON'S warring militias, which have controlled the country for the past 15 years, have buckled to Syrian pressure and agreed to pull out of Beirut, leaving the army in control of the capital and allowing the government to im-plement the first stage of last year's Arab League peace plan.

in a related development, two rival Shia militias, the Syrian-backed Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, agreed to end their bloody three-year conflict, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives, with a peace settlement sponsored by Damascus and Tehran.

After intensive talks at Syrian army headquarters late on Tuesday, leaders of the two militias agreed to exchange prisoners and lift blockades against villages in southern Lebanon. Many ceasefire agreements between the two militias have collapsed but there was confidence the latest would hold because of the Syrian and Iranian

commitment.
The Lebanese Forces, a Christian militia which was stronger od better equipped than the Lebanese army, was the latest to announce it would withdraw from Beirut, and all-the powerful militias have agreed to leave the capital.

Hussein Husseini, the parliamentary speaker, told Al-Khaleej, a newspaper in Sharjah: We are on the doorstep of a final breakthrough. The green light to solve the crisis has been given." Moves to implement the Arab League plan followed the Syrianbacked removal of Michel Aoun, the rebel Christian leader, nearly

three weeks ago. It is believed that Washington tacitly approved the move after Damascus sent troops to join the US-led multinational forces in the Gulf. The security plan for greater Beirut is seen as the first step to

extending government control over the whole of Lebanon. The Syrian-backed government of President Hrawi hopes to absorb many of the fighters from the various militias into a new national army while their leaders may be given posts in a cabinet of reconciliation. "No weapons will remain, but that of the legal authority. All the armed groups will be dishanded," Albert Mansour, the defence minister,

However, none of the most powerful militias has agreed to disarm or disband and many Lebanese believe peace might stop at the gates of greater Beirut. After 15 years of civil war, sectarian rivalries run deep and many old scores remain to be settled.

UN move links Kuwait with Palestinian issue

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DESPITE the best efforts of on the Fourth Geneva Conven-Britain and the United States to tion of 1949, which imposed on avoid it, the wording of the latest United Nations resolution on Kuwait has inadvertently re-inforced parallels with the Arab-Israeli conflict in the occupied

Resolution 674, passed by the security council on Monday, invites countries to compile information on grave breaches of international law governing the rights of civilians under occupation. The resolution will lead to the drawing up of a list of human rights abuses by Iraqis against Kuwaitis and others and could at some future time result in legal, action against those responsible. The resolution is based partly

occupying powers a duty to pro-tect civilians. Individual Iraqis could be prosecuted in courts of any country which has signed the convention.

Most nations have always recognised that the Geneva convention applies to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, but security council resolu-tions on that conflict have taken a less systematic approach to alleged human rights violations. Britain and America regard abuses in Kuwait as being far graver than those in the occupied territories, but Palestinian sources believe their sufferings have been

UN promises justice for all when the dust of battle clears allegation of hypocrisy. Damages assistance, their requirements

By MARC WELLER

TO THE victor the spoils is the maxim that has controlled the outcome of wars for centuries. It has generally been associated with unjust peace settlements giving rise to resentment, national outrage and more war. Against this background Britain's proposal to serve notice on Iraq that it will be required to pay reparations for its aggression against Kuwait had a mixed response at the United

Nations Britain was successful, however, in including a significant paragraph concerning reparations in the latest resolution on the Gulf crisis which allows full redress for Kuwait and third countries, and for companies and individuals who have suffered as a result of the

The idea of holding Iraq responsible for the outrages it is committing against Kuwait, its citizens and foreign companies and nationals is aimed at convincing Baghdad that further destruction

and looting in Kuwait does not make sense, since Iraq will in the end have to pay.

Home comforts: US airman Kurtis Crawford tucking into barbecaed chicken beside a plastic

pumpkin during a Halloween party for troops in eastern Sandi Arabia as Iraq went on alert

The case for reparations can also stand on its own in terms of law. The security council has determined unanimously that a breach of the peace has taken place, that it was committed by Iraq, and that it must be reversed. This departs from the maxim since, this time, a neutral body with supreme jurisdiction over matters of peace and security has made the decision of who is the

guilty party. The obligation to pay reparations for the unlawful use of force is well established. In 1949 the International Court of Justice awarded £843,947 to Britain after it found that Albania had been responsible for the loss of life and damage to two British destroyers which struck mines in the Corfu Channel. More recently, in 1986, the World Court affirmed that "the United States of America is under an obligation to make reparations for all injury caused to

Nicaragna" when it condemned Washington's military and paramilitary activities against that

Ironically, when Israel bombed Iraq's Osirak I nuclear reactor in June 1981, Baghdad was considered by the security council "entitled to appropriate redress for the destruction it has suffered". Kuwaiti embassies abroad have encouraged their nationals to col-

lect evidence of any damage. Britain, too, has urged its nationals and companies to register claims with the Foreign Office. London has been trying to tempt the neutral and non-aligned nations, which are reluctant to support "punitive" measures against Iraq, to support the principle of reparations by making them the main beneficiary of a possible compensation package,

the oil-price rise and loss of trade with Baghdad. These exercises in arithmetic

and some them are rumoured to

have started calculating the dam-

ages they have incurred through

may well have an air of unreality. Exhausted by the bloody conflict with Iran, it was Baghdad which demanded a suspension of the repayment of its war debts to Kuwait and other Gulf states before it began hostilities in a fairly desperate gamble. Economic sanctions will have dealt the death blow to the Iraqi economy, and Bashdad has only limited assets abroad which could be used to

The large variety of possible claimants would make this a very complicated case indeed. The US-Iran claims tribunal, which was set up to satisfy claims arising out of the turmoil in Iran from 1979 onwards, is still sitting in The Hague, and its purview has been limited by comparison.

Nevertheless, the tribunals set up after the world wars demonstrate that the task is not impossible. Since the countries which are suffering disproportionate hardship as a result of the sanctions against Iraq can already apply to the security council for

could be assessed fairly easily. Individual claims could be evalvated by their national governments which would then put forward a demand for a lump-sum settlement, or there could be arbitration fribunals. Iraq would be required to make payments into a fund from which the awards

of such tribunais would be

satisfied.

However, should President Saddam Hussein reverse the aggression, it is uncertain whether the international community would have the will to keep sanctions in place until Baghdad also agrees to pay reparations. On the other hand, a military victory in Kuwait would probably lead to the establishment of a new political structure in Baghdad, and it would be the Iraqi population, and not its corrupt regime, which would be presented with a very large bill likely to cripple the

economy for decades. The demand for reparations would also give rise to the

on the scale contemplated have not been paid since the second world war, and there might have been several suitable candidates. including both superpowers, who were involved in a number of dirty wars, such as those in Vietnam and Afghanistan. But the idea of reparations has

too much to commend it to be rejected on the basis of such objections. It is precisely the fact that we are now, hopefully, witnessing the inauguration of a new age of collective security which would demand that compensation be paid in cases of aggression. Such a precedent would be an important constitutional block of the new order: the international community would demonstrate that aggression does not pay.

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Shadow of violence hangs over troubled Indian communities

From Christopher Thomas in Karnail Ganu

HINDU and Muslim market bare feet of a dhoti-clad Hindu intolerance among the young, disputed unused mosque in crush such people." the holy city of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. As they went a nearby village, said he made about their business of selling up the stories because he got locally grown vegetables in drunk. He obviously knew he

affairs in every town and least he wou hamlet where Hindus and his beating. Mushims live together in northern India. Not since independence has there been greater uncertainty or fear. Police checkpoints block both ends of the narrow main road in the village, Vijai Srivastava, deputy superin-tendent of police for the district, is stabbing with his

The youth, a fish seller from stiff silence, large numbers of was in for a police thrashing police with rifles watched over the cringed and bowed in them, so explosive was the supplication. The tiny cells of the local police station are This is now the state of already jammed full, so at least he would be freed after

Mr Srivastava said his job had become extremely diffi-cult. Tension was high after thousands of Hindu militants stormed the disputed mosque in Ayodhya, 50 miles away. "This dispute (over the mosque) has some impact, but it is not the main cause of tension," he said. "The main reason is an atmosphere of

orating: "We have made a

compromise with our leaders

said troops were patrolling curfew-bound areas of Ah-

medabad, Gujarat's main city,

while an indefinite curfew

continued in Baroda, Broach

now, the Uttar Pradesh cap-

ital, after Hindus set off

firecrackers overnight on

in the central Indian city of

Indore in Madhya Pradesh,

while an unidentified person was stabbed and killed in southern Hyderabad city, the

news agency said.

month-old

prime minister.

Three people were killed in

and Panch Mahals districts.

The Press Trust of India

and so we are going back."

Death toll rises in battle over mosque

TEN more people were reported killed yesterday after the attempt by Hindus to tear down a disused mosque at Ayodhya and build a temple the town said without clabon the site. The latest deaths were reported from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, where sporadic violence continued despite the heavy deployment of police and paramilitary forces. It was not known whether the dead

were Hindus or Muslims. In Kashmir hundreds of Hindus took to the streets in a spate of stabbings in Luckseveral cities and towns, stoning security forces during a general strike to protest against security forces firing on the Hindu activists who stormed the mosque. The Press Trust of India said police shot dead an arsonist in Gujarat's Godhra region yesterday. Three people were killed in overnight violence

elsewhere.
Twenty-four people have died in the western coastal state since widespread violence erupted between Hindu activists in Jammu, dus and Muslims early on Kashmir state's winter capital, and other Hindu-majority reaftermath of Tuesday's shooting by the security forces at the

One report from Uttar Pradesh said that busloads of Hindus were yesterday leaving Ayodhya. Officials said more paramilitary forces were deployed in the holy city to guard the disputed shrine, while policemen conducted night-long raids on temples looking for Hindu militants. Armed troopers also formed a the air.

traders in the village of youth, who cries out in pain. whether Hindus or Mushims. Karnail Ganj returned uneas- "He has been spreading false If one person throws a stone, ily to their stalls yesterday in rumours about atrocities there is a riot. I believe the wake of Tuesday's distur- committed by Muslims," the strongly that unemployment bances and deaths around the policeman said. "We must is at the root of it all. I cannot accept that Hindus and Mustions hate each other." The farming community of

Karnail Ganj, whose population of 20,000 is divided almost equally between Hin-dus and Muslims, exploded in communal violence on September 30 for the first time. Hundreds of burnt-out houses, shops and buildings stand as testimony to three days of fighting. Local Muslim leaders put the death toll at 99, but the police say it was 43.

It is small places like Karnail Gani, which brim with the bitterness of atrocities, that pose the gravest threat to India's accularism. Extremist Hindu politicians are exploiting and even leading the strife, assisted by armies of paid goondas (thugs). "Most disputes between Hindus and Muslims are petry," Mr Srivastava said, "but politicians whip them up into big fights. The day will come when the common people will get sick of the politicians and slaughter them. This is my observation after many years."
He said the September 30

riots began after rumours circulated that Hindus had One Hindu activist leaving been killed by Muslims. "Only 5 or 10 per cent of the population want trouble. Most Muslims and Hindus want to live in peace alongside one another, as they always have until recently. There was never any history of com-munal tension in this area; this is all new. Goondas have become members of parliament and they are playing on the ignorance of the common people,"

Casung an eye over his prisoner, by now sitting qui-ctly in the dust awaiting his thrashing, he said: "He is a poor fellow. They supplied him with alcohol and he went off and spread these stories. If Tuesday to celebrate the storming of the Ayodhya shrine, officials said. Two people died in street violence we had a free hand we would crush these troublemakers in six months, but the politicians won't let us. All policemen are fed up. We are not allowed to do our jobs."

Pitched battles raged be-Security forces maintained tween security forces and tight hold over Uttar Pradesh yesterday to prevent Hindu-Muslim clashes, but and other Hindu-majority rethere were outbreaks in sevgions in the province. The eral areas. A curiew was trouble started during a genimposed in Aligarh, outside Delhi, after several people eral strike called by the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Japata Party, were killed in stone-throwing which withdrew its vital parincidents. Scores of shope and liamentary backing for the 11houses were destroyed in the Sadar Bazaar area of Luckmonth-old government of Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the now, the state capital, which was practically deserted. Police maintained a heavy Security forces made repeated cane charges and used tear gas against violent mobs presence in Ayodhya, where Hindu zealots were still trying before firing warning shots in to start building a temple on

Dhaka curfew after clashes

FTOOD AHMED FAZL

MILITANT Muslims ransacked Hindu temples and looted Hindu businesses and houses in Dhaka and Chinagong as tension grew in Bangladesh yesterday over the Hindu-Muslim mosque dispute at Ayodhya in India, witnesses and police said.

The government imposed an indefinite curiew in Old Dhaka yesterday evening as Mushm mobs demolished temples and looted Hindu-owned businesses in growing communal violence in the capital. Scores of fire appliances were rushed to Old Dhaka, which has a large Hindu minority population, as shops were set on fire by Muslim protesters.

A densely populated Hindu district, Shankhari bezaar, was sealed off by riot police and security forces. More than 100 people were arrested for rioting, according to official More than 20,000 Muslim

fundamentalists marched in central Dhaka with green Is-lamic banners denouncing India and shouting anti-Hindu A fundamentalist news

paper, Ingilab, called for a jihad (holy war) by Muslims against India to project the disputed mosque in Ayodhya. The authorities also imposed an indefinite curfew in the port city of Chittagong, about 150 miles south of Dhaka, which has a popula-tion of four million including a large Hindu minority. Paramilitary troops and riot police patrolled the business and residential districts which had been the scene of Muslim violence early yesterday. At least 35 people were injured



and a temple was badly dam- alert, local journalists protect minorities, irrespecaged in Chittagong during the reported. artack, which was led by suspected fundamentalist Muslims, according to hospital doctors and residents.

Hindu temples were also damaged in the northern town has been reinforced and army

calm despite "provocations" and urged people to maintain communal harmony. Shah Moazzem Hussain, deputy of Dinjapur, where security prime minister and secretary general of the ruling Jatiyo mostly inhabit the southern garrisons have been placed on party, said: "We have to part of the country.

tive of what happens in Bangladesh government Dhaka." He urged party memleaders yesterday appealed for bers to organise vigilante squads against communal

Bangladesh's population of 110 million people includes ten million Hindus who

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Pakistan election victors choose leader

From REUTER IN ISLAMABAD

THE largest party in Pakistan's new national assembly after last week's elections yeterday named Nawaz Shanf as its candidate for prime minister, the party leader said.

Mohammed Khan Junejo, president of the Muslim League, told reporters the party had chosen Mr Sharif to be the leader of its parliamentary group. The league is the main component of the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance which trounced Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the elections.

The nomination makes it certain that Mr Sharif will be the next prime minister rather Ghulam Musiafa Jatoi.

The Islamic Democratic Alliance parliamentary party meets in Islamahad today and is certain to confirm Mr Sharif's candidature, alliance sources said.

lo Karachi, Miss Bhutto launched a last-ditch effort yesterday to try to form a province of Sind

"She has received encourage ing response from independents and minorities' leaders," said lobal Haider, secretary of the People's Democratic Alliance, of which Miss Bhutto's party is the main component. The alliance won 47 of the 100 seats at stake in Sind. Failure to form the Sind

overnment would leave Miss Bhutto without any power base from where she could regroup her demoralised forces to form an effective opposition.

the site of the ancient mosque. Cambodia factions rebuild image to canvass for votes Proze Neil Kelly on the Thal-Cambodian Border

way for elections to be held in Cambodia when peace returns. New political parties are being formed in the refugee camps along the border and are sending emissaries through the minefields to seek

Support inside Cambodia.

The communist government in Phnom Penh has begun electioneering too, trying to rebuild the party image which has been tarnished by corruption and abuses of power. Ministers and senior officials on countrywide tours are organising anti-Pol Pot rallies to attract support among the younger people who may not remember the murderous years when the Khmer Rouge ruled Cam-bodia. Other candidates are rich emigres from Paris and the United States who have returned to campaign for a slice of a new nation.

At Site Eight camp 36,000 refugees attached to the Khmer Rouge have been practising for elections by electing camp administrators. Some will run in national elections when the time comes. Son Songhak, aged 31, who lost a leg in a minefield, is a likely candidate. He studies political history when he is not conducting classes in various technical skills. He will have nothing to do with communism. "I want to see liberahsm because our nature as Cambodians demands free-

dom," he said. Claiming that the Khmer Rouge gave up communism ten years ago, Seng Sok, the Khmer Rouge camp leader, said their election platform would emphasise democracy and a free-market system. But Son Songhak said he could not the believe that. The Kinner Rouge seems to be changing but I'm not sure if they've really changed in their hearts," he said. According to defectors, Pol

CAMPAIGNING is under- Pot today prohibits the word communism at political education classes at his "Zone 87" school on the border of Trat province in southeast Thailand. Instead he instructs cadres who take his message into Cambodia to emphasise nationalism, anger over Vietnamese crimes and the key role of the peasantry.

The defectors say nobody expects Pol Pot to run in an election or to hold any public position. They believe the Khmer Rouge, waving a roy-alist banner, will contest the election as "democratic Cambodia", pledging loyalty to



Pol Pot unlikely to run in any election or hold office

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the nominal leader of the tripartite resistance coalition. comprising the Khmer Rouge, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and the Sihanoukists. The people of the Khmer Rouge camps say meetings are often held to endorse the prince's remarks.

Prince Sihanouk is on record as saying the Khoter Rouge will win many seats in the election. According to US intelligence sources, at least 30 per cent of Cambodians will vote for them. Much of that support will be bought. The of war, our soldiers too."

process has already begun: Khmer Rouge guerrillas pay generously for everything they buy from peasants and also provide other help. "Whenever they capture anything they distribute it among the peasants," said Thou Thon, a leader of the non-communis liberation front.

An international aid official

working inside Cambodia said people abroad might not want to hear about it but Khmer Rouge personnel behaved themselves, did not molest women and were honest compared with the other factions. That was why they were making political progress.

Diplomatic sources say the Khmer Rouge has virtually unlimited funds from China to use in the election as well as revenue from border trading in gems and timber. The United States will provide campaign funds for the two non-communist factions, according to the same sources. American money is already financing the new Liberal Democratic party which has been established at the front's huge Site 2 camp housing 175,000 refugees.

Thou Thon, one of its leaders, said the party was committed to Western-style democracy. Cadres were at work to "make the people aware of democracy" and also travelled inside Cambodia to spread the word there, he said. Human rights are in all their

minds. At mass rallies the

refugees demand categorical

commitments by their leaders

to the UN Human Rights

Charter. Even in the Khmer Rouge camps people are prepared to speak up against their leaders. "Why can't they agree on a ceasefire and a peace plan," asked Son Songhak. "People's lives depend on it." The Khmer Rouge leader at the camp said: "Yes we're all tired

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matter of Kent and the high-speed

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rather than as part of a continuum

originating in the dreams of the

French mining engineer Albert Mathieu 188 years ago, the tunnel has been light on headaches.

Breaking out of the past

Terence Morris

ord Justice Woolf's inquiry into prison disturbances has just concluded a series of public seminars on the future of the prison service. Plagued as it is by overcrowding and in recent years racked by riots, culminating in that at Strangeways, which has proved to be the most prolonged and destructive in the history of British prisons, the time is tipe to consider a radical change in the management of the penal system. Such a change would go far beyond the administration of prisons to embrace within a single commission responsibility for all ... the orders of the criminal courts.

In 1963, despite widespread opposition, the Prison Com-mission for England and Wales which had existed since 1877 was abolished and the administration of prisons absorbed within the Home Office, Since then the history of prisons in England and Wales has been one of recurring crisis and overall decline. Staff are dispirited and industrial relations have at times fallen to levels lower than almost anywhere else in the public sector. The physical con-ditions in local prisons, where the majority of inmates spend their time, have deteriorated as a result of both overcrowding and the physical decay of the buildings. Decline in demand for unskilled labour has made the "working day" in many prisons something belonging to a dimly remembered past. A corrosive idleness has been added to physical squalor.

Within the Home Office, overcrowding has had a mesmeric and damaging effect on thinking. For although significant, it has not been the sole or even over-arching element in the process of decline. Official policy has been dominated by the idea of providing more cell space in new establish-ments, but these have increased the facilities for medium and longterm inmates - not the majority hose short sentences are served in local penal slums. Moreover, the great successes achieved by penal reformers in making it more difficult for the courts to imprison young and first offenders have. ironically, helped to change the character of the prison population; more experienced in crime and in many cases are more violent and

In 1963 a great opportunity was missed. Instead of being absorbed by the Home Office, the Prison Commission could have provided the foundation for an agency bringing together the activities of all those concerned with the custody, control, training and rehabilitation of offenders, in the most rational and economic way. The American model of a correctional authority - a public agency responsible to the state — was - already well-proven in such states as California. What we propose is but one both appropriate to League for Penal Reform.

current needs and broadly in accord with government thinking

A new criminal justice commission would be such an agency under the management of publicly appointed commissioners and responsible to Parliament through the Home Secretary. It would be charged with the task of running not only prisons but the probation and parole services, community service and all forms of "punish ment in the community", including the supervision of fines and various legal disqualifications.

A modern criminal justice sys-

tem is essentially flexible; the courts no longer look upon imprisonment as the basic penalty - as they did when most of our prisons were built - but as a sentence of last resort. Increasingly, we rely upon non-custodial sentences of various kinds which. if they are to be effective, require staff who are both trained and encouraged to develop their own initiatives. This was once true of prisons in the "golden era" of the old Prison Commission All those who work with offend-

ers have to develop certain skills in common, irrespective of subsequent specialisation, and the new commission could, through a basic system of training and recruitment, be responsible for that. By controlling the entire "estate" of buildings and facilities an old city prison, unsuitable for custodial purposes, might, for example, be put to use as hostel accommodation for probationers and those on bail and as a day centre. Staff could transfer from one part of the system to another. Within its various divisions, the commission would be able to delegate responsibility for policy to local management. As well as stimulating new ideas, it would make for the easier and more constructive involvement of the local community and its voluntary

A large organisation is not necessarily an inefficient one, as multinational corporations demonstrate. What is important is to recognise the common elements in an effective system of criminal justice and the potential for economies of scale. Another advantage of these proposals is that commissioners would be publicly accessible and able to contribute to the debate about the shape of policy in a way that civil

The danger is that in the aftermath of Strangeways there is a temptation to find some way of patching up the prison system. But that not was symptomatic of something far more profound, and thus a more radical solution is

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CLEMENT FREUD

n France restaurants tend to be family owned and run: father cooks, mother guards the cash register, daughter takes orders, son is in the cellar and grandpa perches in a corner of the bar until day is done, when he goes out and helps the greataunts with the washing up.

of the channel tunnel, where restaurants are for buying and selling. Over here, when an establishment has been built up by a chef of quality, it is sold ant or a greengrocer who continues to trade on the high reputation of his predecessor until he is rumbled. "Eventually rumbling places" is what food guides are principally about.

1991 hit the bookshops at the end of September 1990; like all such publications it is out of date the day it rolls off the presses, and by the time it reaches the "sell by" date on the cover in January, even more places will have changed hands. had their chefs recruited by headhunters, sacked their charismatic maîtres d'hôtel after a midnight stock-take. To counter scepticism, and to mollify punters who went to Ludlow because Dinham Hall "offers an urban variation of a country house theme only to find that the receiver's man is burning the toast, the 1991 Good Food Guide has printed some helpful articles at the back of the book,

after Northern Ireland. The best of these is "Your Rights in Restaurants". The fact that once you begin to insist on "your rights" there is not much chance of achieving the relaxed and enjoyable evening out that is the aim of going to dine in a restaurant, seems irrelevant to the authors; they give it to you

You're kept waiting an hour before the waiter takes your order. When you complain the waiter is rude to you."

Could there really be people who will wait 60 minutes for service? My advice would be: "Check that the restaurant is open; the likelihood is that it closed a week ago and some member of the departing staff forgot to lock the door."

of the local authority. The Guide says you have the challenges of 1992.

right "to refuse to pay all or part

of the service charge".
Picture the scene: Mr and Mrs Clutterbuck, seduced by the publicity of the English Tourist Board, have taken their children and the Scandinavian mother's help to a restaurant. They arrive at 7pm; by 8pm a waiter

"See here," says Clutterbuck,
"me and the girls have been waiting an hour to order. Is this the best you can do?" "Fatta slob," says the waiter.

"Your wife gotta dandruff and the children are non-sympatico", and he then makes a pass

at the au pair.

In order to take advantage of the GFG advice, the family would have to wait until the end of the meal, if they live that long, then decide how much to deduct from the mandatory

service charge.

By my reckoning, 20 minutes of being ignored gives the customer every right to open warfare: play musical chairs, help himself from the liqueur trolley, catch the goldfish from the ornamental bowl and eat it in a bread roll.

But today there are commoner restaurant problems than slow and discourteous service:

A waiter who speaks no English except "not my table" attacks you about the face and body with a bread knife.

• The chef arrives, joins you at your table, calls over his wife and orders a magnum of vintage port (Taylor's, 1963). The cashier presents a bill for £325; it is marked "no credit cards or cheques".

 Although there is a symbol denoting "no muzak", the Black Dyke Mills Band enters from the kitchen playing the Floral Dance and the tambourinist spills your dessert wine. • Four people at an adjoining

table die into their After Eight mints and as the ambulancemen arrive to remove the bodies you notice the cloakroom woman leaving with your

The Guide's advice is to pay the bill under protest and write to the trading standards officer

Glorious link with the greats



Bronst: Victorian victim of cost over-run who constantly had to raise new money for his 'darling'

ow that England has at last conformed to John Donne's maxim about Alan Franks believes the channel tunnel men and islands, one question of

emerges credibly when compared with British engineering triumphs of the past

scapegoat of labour costs. Take Brunel's historic suspension bridge at Clifton, "my first child, my darling", postponed time after time as the costs soured and the Clifton Bridge Company sought yet more money from the shareholders, or the Forth Bridge. where of the 5,000 construction workers (2,000 fewer than the British number employed on the new tunnel), 57 were killed and about 500 injured.

If you allow that only half the channel tunnel is in the UK, the 17-mile stretch from East Finchley to Morden via Bank on the London underground's Northern line remains our longest tunnel. And that construction, from 1890 until well into the 20th century. had almost as many hold-ups as the "misery" line's present Charing Cross-Euston run. As for Brunel's atmospheric

railway, the South Devon, with its eight pumping stations between Exeter and Newton Abbott. a chain of technical failures soon

The fact is that major works have come in over budget since Stonehenge, and in those days they could not even make a bition, the London and Birmington, the bition, the London and Birming-ham Railway, which received royal assent in 1833, was no less an undertaking than the channel tunnel. The cost of the land required rose nearly threefold from the original estimate of £250,000, and the capital authorised by an Act of Parliament the previous year, at £2.5 million — already well up on the original estimate of £1.5 million — proved woefully inadequate. By the time the work was finished, the

> In their own way the difficulties facing the L and B engineers were as severe as the geological ones surmounted by Eurotunnel. The main problem was that the great engineer George Stephenson had decreed that the line should be built with a gradient not steeper than one in 330; and this through terrain littered with hills. The result was a chain of long, deep cuttings and tunnels including, at Kilsby, a passage through quick-

company had had to shuttle back

and forth to Parliament, cap-in-hand, for the actual cost of £5.5

the first mile out of Euston, to Camden Town, only cable haulage

Everywhere were bridges that led nowhere, "wrote Charles Dickens in Domber; and Son as he surveyed the Land B work in progress; and wildernesses of bricks and giant forms of cranes, and tripods straddling above nothing." Plus co change.

What about the Thames bar-

rier?" asks Dr John Dougill, director of engineering at the Institute of Structural Engineers. Or the MI, or the M25, Huge problems with all of them...
Technically, you could say that the motorways would have been better produces if motor income. ter products if more time had been spent on their construction. That was our great attempt to catch up with US and European roadbuilding, and it was driven for-ward by political imperative." Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of

the construction giant. Tratalgar House, has no doubt about where the channel tunnel stands in the historic scale of British engineering. "It eclipses the rest. For sheer scale and complexity, it is easily the biggest. If you want something comparable you have to go to the canals of Suez or Panama. probably even back to the Pyramids."
Which makes the Egyptians achievement arguably the greater, as they managed entirely without

Cast to the flames, or words that should live forever?

Bernard Levin joins in the fray over the proposed publication of works that Philip Larkin wanted destroyed

here is a jolly row going on concerning the will of the late Philip Larkin, and since rows are my speci-ality. I shall do my best this morning to make matters worse. For those who have not followed the story - it began when Larkin died - I summarise the course of the dispute. Larkin, in many ways a reclusive figure, gave instructions in his will that on his death his diaries should be destroyed. That was done; but he also gave instructions about the unpublished remainder of his work, including poetry, short stories and matter forming part of unfinished novels, and this is

where the trouble started. His executors insisted they were in a difficulty over Larkin's wishes in the matter of these remains. To some eyes it has seemed clear that he wanted them all to be destroyed, as with the diaries; other eyes - those of the executors biguities in the will, and deduced that that was not so. In the event, the executors are plainly bent on publishing some of the unfinished oeuvre and leaving other works unseen, though whether they propose to destroy the matter they are not intending to publish is not

The row has been bubbling along since Larkin's will was read. and it has just boiled over. The executors (they include Anthony Thwaite, whose integrity none, I think, would question), mindful of the argument over the apparent ambiguities in the will, called in a lawyer to study the wording and give an opinion. Here, I feel, they were being a touch disingenuous. True, the lawyer opined that the wording of the will permitted em to publish what they wished, and I suppose they were entitled to rely on his expertise, but they knew perfectly well that by teatime on the same day they could have assembled 40 lawyers to give an entirely contrary view, and by lunch the day after another 50 to back up the first opinion, and

another 77 who would unanimously say that on the one hand it was clear that they could publish, and on the other hand that it was plain that they could not.

"Dead men tell no tales," says a judge in one of A.P. Herbert's Misleading Cases, adding, "and it were better that they made no wills." It is not clear whether Larkin composed his entirely legal assistance; if the latter, he should have known that the chances of posthumous chaos were thereby substantially enhanced. (So far, there has been no litigation, but that happy state of affairs may not last.)

But even if Larkin had made it quite impossible for anyone to misinterpret his wishes, saying plainly and in capital letters that he wanted every unpublished word he ever wrote summarily burned, there would have been a body of opinion, includ quite sure, some of his literary executors, who would have objected to what they would have seen as failing in their duty to posterity rather than to the poet. (History is littered with such disputes; James Joyce died in 1941, but his descendants are still kicking up rough about his literary remains, not necessarily because the copyright is about to run out.)

As it happens, when the Larkin row caught fire I was reading the Diaries of H.L. Mencken, my hero since boyhood; the editor and Mencken's literary executors had faced a similar problem. Mencken had stipulated that his diaries should be sealed for 25 years, and the ban had been faithfully observed. He died in 1956, which is considerably longer than 25 years ago, but publication was held up by a dispute over another item in his will; apparently, he had no objection to letting scholars and students see the diaries when the quarter-century was up, but jibbed at any wider circulation. The deadlock was broken when a law-



yer (I bet you didn't know that they have lawyers in America, 100) studied Mencken's will and opined that it would be all right by him (him the lawyer, not necessar-ily him Mencken) for general

reading to take place. For my part, I am grateful to the American lawyer, Mencken in the original cloth could be candid enough, but Mencken 34 years dead, his cackles clearly audible from the afterworld, fair takes away the breath, with no suggestion of ever bringing it back. Even now, the editor thinks it politic from time to time to replace a name or identification with a few discreet suspension points, but I would not have missed the ripeness of Mencken unchained for all

the lawyers and all their bills.

There is a real dilemma in this

business. Many people, particu-

larly artists, have left instructions

that certain works of theirs should be destroyed at their death; sometimes, the stipulation is for everything left unfinished to go. But suppose Schubert had left such instructions, to his brother Ferdinand, say, or Grillparzer. Would you have applauded them for their fidelity to his instructions as they fed the bonfire with all those unpublished songs? I'm damned if I would; I would have called them criminals of the lowest degree. ory jogged at last by the news of Schubert's death, had trotted round with the MS of the Unfin-

trusted to him years before, and tossed it on the flames, would not the very universe have demanded vengeance? Dear God - suppose Mendelssohn had gone to Carter-Ruck for advice on what to do with the MS of the C major Symphony and been told that Schubert's children might sue if it were not destroyed? (Schubert did not have any children, but Carter-Ruck might not have known that.)

or, though, can we take refuge in the artist's choice of what to keep and what to throw out; artists are notorious for misjudging their own work. Larkin did (and he was not one of those who cannot tell their best from their worst - he was merciless to his failures, as witness the scores of extant versions of some of his poems). It could be said that the executors are ignoring the implica-tions of his refusal to publish poems left, years ago, in manuscript. But that does not settle the matter either, if, in my hypothesis, Schubert's instructions had gone unbeeded in the greater cause of preserving his genius for posterity, who am I to say that Larkin's should have been rigidly followed? No doubt Schubert was a greater genius than Larkin, but that cannot be the test - we should have missed much pleasure and solace if the Great McGonagall's verses had not been preserved, even (which is extremely unlikely)

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if he did not wish them to be.
In law, there is a remedy from the courts if a legacy is given to someone other than the stipulated egatee; perhaps there is a law that testimentary provisions that do not allocate money or money's worth cannot be enforced. But that still leaves the Larkin problem where it was, for whatever the courts may decide, the argument is not a legal one but a moral one, and the argument over should/shouldn't would still not

be resolved. I don't suppose it ever will be. For my part, I have made no provision for the testamentary disposition of my literary remains; not because I think them too insignificant but because I have no intention of dying. And that is all I have to say this morning.

Heath in harmony

till basking in the afterglow of his mercy mission to Bagh-dad, Edward Heath is assuming the unlikely role of pop concert promoter. He has engaged Paul McCartney and Bob Geldof to top the bill at a rock-about next summer in the grounds of Longleat House – best known for its lions - owned by the Marquis of Bath. A strange departure for the ex-premier organist and conductor, but all is explained when he says that the takings which could exceed £3 million will go to the Salisbury Cathedral spire appeal.

First Heath must deploy the same diplomatic skills he used on Saddam Hussein to convince West Wiltshire district council that the prospect of 100,000 fans trudging through the countryside is nothing to worry about. And he also has to contend with the local Tory MP, Sir Dennis Walters. That is an awful lot of people they are talking. about," says. Walters. "It won't bother me as I live seven miles away. But if my constituents don't like the idea I shall raise the matter

Heath decided to assume his Harvey Goldsmith role in an attempt to involve young people in the spire appeal, which was at-tacked as elitist after he charged guests, including David Rockefeller and Helmut Schmidt, £1,000 a head to have dinner in his Salisbury garden. However, classical music will be included in the programme and Heath may even go on stage with his baton.

The Marquis of Bath gladly gave

permission for the concert to be held at Longleat after Heath went up in a helicopter to view 12 potential sites. Speaking to the Diary after receiving an honorary degree at London University yesterday. Heath admitted to one reservation. "I just hope they feed the lions before we get there."

> I'm into punk rock myself.



Expert touch

T hen the Prince of Wales's arm is sufficiently mended for him to return to paintbox and easel, we may see a new expertise in his work. Secretly, it emerges, he has been taking painting lessons. His tutor is the portran painter Derek Hill, who was asked to join the prince on some of his painting expeditions. The prince was taken with Hill's technique on the two

occasions he sat for him. Hall, who paints only in oils, says of his royal pupil: "I don't think he would be so good at oils, but he is very good at watercolours." The royal connection emerges

in an interview with Hill for Naim Attallah's new book, Singular Encounters. On the prince's controversial views on architec-

time, Hill says: "The great thing about him is that he cares about what he says and thinks. He gets the feeling of the place..." Words that could equally be applied to the prince as painter.

Perhaps, with Hill's encouragement, he will drop the camouflage of Arthur George Carrick and simply sign his works "Charles".

The government should perhaps to commothetic to Lord Jenkin of be sympathetic to Lord Jenkin of Roding, who joined the Tory revolu-in the Lards yesterday over dog registration. In 1985, as environment secretary, he gained cabinet committee approval for a scheme similar to that the government now opposes. It was dropped because of pressure of business. Had it been adopted, Mrs Thatcher would have been saved a lot of trouble.

Making a splash

xford is currently celebrating the centenary of the arrival at the university of Max Beerbohm, and next month sees the premiere of a musical adaptation of Zuleika Dobson. Adam Blackburn, a Balliol classics graduate who adapted the book for the stage, said at rehearsals at

Oxford's Apollo theatre: "I don't think anybody loved Oxford more than Beerbohm. All his feelings for the town were encapsulated in his

This is not the first attempt at a Zuleika musical: the Gershwins wrote one in the Fifties, but it has disappeared. Blackburn hopes. however, that his version will endure, though he concedes that Beerbohm's finale of hundreds of lovesick undergrads drowning themselves does present certain technical problems.

Beerbohm's intoxication with the university was not confined to his fiction. Looking back, he wrote: "I was a modest, good humoured boy; it is Oxford that has made me insufferable."

Meyer lives on

like Banquo's ghost, the spectral figure of Sir Anthony Meyer continues to haunt Mrs Thatcher. Although he has been deselected, the selection process by the Clwyd North West Tory party is overshadowed by his threat to stand as an independent if it chooses a Thatcherite yesman" or someone whose pro-Europe credentials are in doubt.

The choice of a candidate for the safest Tory seat in Wales has already been delayed by resigna-tions among local Tory officials after Meyer's decision not to enter the selection procedure. He has represented the area for 20 years and has a strong personal following. Should be carry out his threat, the Tory vote would be split, to Labour's advantage.
One candidate for the nomina-

One candidate for the nomina-tion who should have Meyer's bers, he was told: "Aren't you the blessing is John Horam, the club blown up by the IRA?"

former Labour MP who defected to the SDP partly because of Labour's then lukewarm attitude to Europe and finally moved on to the Tories. Kenneth Baker, the

Horam be selected.

Meyer, dubbed "the stalking donkey" after his challenge to Mrs. Thatcher last year, says a leadership election later this month is now a possibility, when three weeks ago it was unthinkable".

Tables turned

ctober has been a fulfilling month for Harry Evans, formerly editor of The Sunday Times and The Times. Last week, at the age of 62, he again became a father when his wift. Tina Brown, had a daughter. And yesterday he was confirmed as president and publisher of Random House, one of America's top publishing firms. The appointment means that Evans, now editor-in-chief of Conde Nast's Traveler, will handle the forthcoming memoirs of his former boss, Rupert Murdoch. "The wheel of fortune makes me your publisher as you used to be mine." wrote Evans to Murdoch. "But please don't puil any punches."

■ The owners of a new Maida Vale tennis chub, insended to rival the Princess of Wales's favourite Vanderbilt Rocquet Club, may regret calling it the Carlton. Although they have enticed enthuasists such as novelist Martin Amis, they have been less successful with Americans living in London. When Stuart Bailey, the director, con-

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DIPLOMACY'S LAST CHANCE

Since invading Kuwait three months ago, President Saddam Hussein has not only held out against the international coalition ranged against him but increasingly dictated the diplomatic agenda. His is a two-fold strategy, calibrated with bravura and cunning. The first is to destroy the infrastructure and identity of. the once-prosperous state of Kuwait, driving out its people and terrorising those who remain. He has sought to transform the country into a depopulated desert with nothing but oilwells and a small port. The second is to play on his opponents' horror of war, using "mercy" towards groups of foreign hostages. He seeks to keep alive the fiction that he is a reasonable man who, if "negotiated with", might yet see the error of his ways.

For three months his opponents have been compelled by public opinion, by their genuine desire for a peaceful outcome and by the bloodiness of the military option to play the game on Saddam's terms. Helped by the West's initial decisiveness, the anti-Saddam alliance has held under the difficult conditions of phoney war. There has been no significant defection from those demanding complete withdrawal, the restoration of the Kuwaiti government and the release of all hostages. Iraqi compensation and liability for war crimes are also on the UN agenda.

Yet by no reckoning has diplomacy made any progress. Despite the persistent and unexplained optimism of President Gorbachev's emissary, Yevgeny Primakov, Saddam has said absolutely nothing to indicate that he is prepared to yield one millimetre of Kuwaiti territory, never mind withdraw unconditionally. There has been speculation that his redrawing of the map of Kuwait, to join the Rumaila oilfield and access to the sea to Iraq's Basra province and create a "19th province" of the rest, indicates a fallback position. There is no evidence for that assumption either.

To worried Western eyes, withdrawal to that line and relinquishing Kuwait City would be shrewd, driving a wedge between the allies and reinforcing the pressure for a diplomatic compromise. But the frequency with which the idea is canvassed says more about the nervousness of Saddam's opponents than it

does about his own intentions. As time passes, he has no need of such a stratagem. It would involve ceding Iraq's territorial claim to all of Kuwait and leave his tanks sitting ducks to American assault in the desert, well away from the populated area of Kuwait City, which the Americans might be reluctant to bomb. Certainly partial withdrawal might crode allied determination, but time is doing that anyway.

The serious flaw in the arguments of those who have put their faith in UN resolutions the oldest flaw in the book - has been the belief in the efficacy of economic sanctions. Iraqi industries may have been forced to close for lack of spare parts, but conservative estimates suggest that, for food and fuel, Saddam could hold out until next April. By then Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month, would have begun, the hot weather would exact a toll on offensive effectiveness and Saudi Arabia would already be looking nervously to the annual pilgrimages

to Mecca and Medina in June. Whatever chaos sauctions may have wrought in the rest of the oil-consuming world, they have clearly not increased Saddam's inclination to admit defeat. Only the prospect of military action appears to have done that, witness the flurry of statements out of Baghdad and New York yesterday. The American secretary of state, James Baker, sets off on Saturday for the Middle East and Europe on surely the last play for a diplomatic settlement. If that fails the only question is when military action is likely to be most decisive.

The signals from Washington are still unclear. There is no doubting President Bush's anger over the plight of American hostages and horrendous treatment of Kuwaitis. His emphasis yesterday on Iraqi provocation could be intended to prepare the political ground for attack. The governments of Saudi Arabia and Knwait are urging haste. But Mr Bush is also under pressure pot to yield the moral high ground of "waiting for UN sanctions to work". and White House officials yesterday underlined his continuing commitment to "avoiding hostilities".

The appearance of indecision may be deceptive. To keep Saddam guessing is sensible. But the purpose of Mr Baker's trip should be to clear the diplomatic decks, not least with the Soviet Union. He will be helped by President Mubarak's contemptuous dismissal of President Gorbachev's call for an Arab summit, which Egypt sees as an attempt to gloss over the failure of Mr Primakov's most recent talks with Saddam. In Geneva, he should tell Mr Shevardnadze that phoney diplomacy has no place in phoney war and that, if the Soviet Union cannot support military action, its best contribution now would be silence. The last remaining chance of avoiding war is to convince Saddam that war there will be. That chance must now be rated slender indeed

IRISH SHENANIGANS

Ireland's reputation for political eccentricity was only partly salvaged last night by Charles Haughey's dismissal of his deputy, Brian Lenihan. Mr Lenihan, the country's second most senior politician, denied making a telephone call to the republic's President some years back, during the complicated comings and goings of the revolving-door governments of the 1980s. Confronted by the manifest untruth of his assertion on a tape, he mumbled hopeless idiocies and dug himself deeper into trouble. There was a tussle over whether Mr Leninan should resign from the government. He refused, but eventually was dismissed, thus avoiding an election that nobody wanted.

Extraordinarily, Mr Lenihan is also running for the office of president. Candidates are not allowed to withdraw at this stage. Given the Irish public's despicable tolerance of political shenanigans, he will garner a large sympathy vote, and may still win on November 7 if backed by Mr Haughey.

lrish commentators complain that their politicians are patronised by the grandees of larger and older-established states in Europe. They fail to see that any outsider must regard affairs such as this one as absurd and

depressing. The drama is dispiriting not because a politician has bent the rules and compounded the error by further folly. No political system, including Britain's, is proof against this. What distinguishes Irish politics is the public and political response to Mr Lenihan's little difficulty. A party colleague of Messrs Lenihan and Haughey recently told a crowd, which roared its approval, that "we in Fianna Fail are ordinary people and unlike Fine Gael and Labour, we don't need to go to confession

every morning." This opaque remark is taken to be Irish political code for all's fair in love and politics. Mr Dick Spring, leader of the small and ailing Labour Party, who delivered a fine speech of fire and brimstone in the Dail yesterday, "wonders for the country" on hearing this remark.

Mr Haughey, leader of the present coalition government, left it to the last possible moment to sack - or even to criticise - his longtime colleague. He should now distance himself completely from Mr Lenihan.

Solidarity with other members of the clan or cabal seems to have become the guiding rule of some Irish politicians, exalted almost to the exclusion of all other standards. At least some of the electorate seem to approve. The news is not all bad, Mr Lenihan faces a powerful challenge in the presidential election from Mary Robinson, a distinguished lawyer. In standing as the candidate of "indement integrity and independence", Mrs Robinson is fighting on a platform which is not as popular as it should be. In her statements on social, religious and political questions she represents a movement that wishes to open up and reform a society under strain. But the movement is so far largely confined to Dublin and the east

A woman politician, elected as president of the Irish Republic on her platform and in the present circumstances, would be a sign that lrish politics were not locked in the dark conspiratorial batreds of the civil war of the 1920s from which the major parties sprang. She deserves to win. If Mr Lenihan beats her, the Irish - and Mr Haughey - should be

PRINCE OF REASON

The near-impossibility of the job which British public opinion now expects the Prince of Wales to perform was given lurid expression yesterday. The Prince's first engagement since he broke his arm in June occasioned speculation about his domestic happiness, his susceptibility to eccentric fads and his alleged reclusiveness. The tabloid newspapers need not have worried that their best source of printable one-liners was drying up. Only a man endowed with superhuman patience could have replied to an inquisitive question about his sore right arm: "If you really want to know, I am barely alive."

Charles is beir to a grim tradition. Edward VII endured an even longer period as heir to the throne, was less popular and behaved incomparably worse while it lasted. The record of Edward VIII, the most recent comparable royal personage, is well known. The present holder of this most awkward of hereditary titles has, by comparison, been a beacon of enlightened, reflective and original thinking. On architecture, the environment and social policy - especially the role of young and old the Prince has been ahead of his time. He condemned the wanton demolition of villages by Ceausescu while the Romanian dictator was still an honorary knight of the realm. By taking on his shoulders the weight of philistine Prejudice, he has helped minorities of all kinds: environmental, nutritional or aesthetic.

Now the cold tap of criticism has been lumed on his interest in complementary, or alternative, medicine. Yesterday he did not flinch from marking his return to public life by

endorsing the work of the Marylebone health centre, an enterprising medical practice with quarters in the crypt of the local parish church. The Prince deserves pealse for his moral courage in disregarding not only vulgar but also self-interested expert opinion on this The extension of complementary medicine

- such as acupuncture, osteopathy, holistic medicine - to NHS patients is a wholly desirable aim, even though it is not yet supported by the public purse. Marylebone is already being emulated by NHS general practitioners elsewhere. Whether the lobbyists of the medical profession approve of this development is immaterial. The Prince stands for wider choice. To dub Charles an enemy of Thatcherism, as some do, is too glib. But for all his conventional style and speech, he is no pillar of any Establishment

The Prince of Wales's philosophy can be simply defined. He believes that today's moral and spiritual values risk being squeezed and distorted by the pressures of what the American sociologist, David Riesman, called "the lonely crowd". Like any sensitive person, he finds solitude good for his sanity. Pain may have aggravated his reaction to the relentless impertinence of the media's gaze. He may have been grumpy, but he has been sorely tried. The British are fortunate to have an heir to the throne who contrives both to respect political and constitutional convention and to thumb his nose at the intellectual herd. He is the most rounded, decent and intelligent head-of-state in waiting Britain has had for centuries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Thatcher on Europe

to accept the obligations of membership of a single currency EMU to which they so blitbely

The Prime Minister was ab-

solutely right to make this point;

how sad that her interlocutors

were so blinded by her much-

trailed opposition to EMU that they failed to take her seriously.

Policy-makers in Westminster

and Whitehall might also ask

consented in Rome.

Yours faithfully.

October 30.

MICHAEL WELSH,

European Parliament,

1040 Brussels, Belgium.

From Bishop Maurice Wood

firmed by the Sovereign's head on

every stamp, every coin, and every note. Our family of nations, each

owning allegiance to her Majesty

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tional ways, would become im-measurably fragmented by an impersonal and dull set of com-

The Prime Minister has a

threwd sense of broad national

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European country, but we are a

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courageous and correct in this

matter. She deserves our open

St Mark's House, Englefield, Reading, Berkshire.

From the Editor of New European

Sir, There can be no doubt that the

sovereignty issue is a tricky one. But I should like to draw your

readers' attention to the last

tion. Brussels is thinking of impos-ing a Community scheme regardless

Little things like that must make

many people wonder who rules Britain? And what is really meant

of the Commons vote.

by "shared sovereignty"?

JOHN COLEMAN, Editor.

New European, 14-16 Carroun Road, SW8. October 30.

Yours faithfully.

SUPPORT

Yours faithfully

MAURICE WOOD,

We are not only a major

mon European coins and notes.

97-113 rue Belliard.

From Mr Pierre Salinger Sir, I am getting concerned about the continuing attacks on Prime Minister Thatcher over her position on the single European mar-tet currency. What she is saying is right, but hadly understood.

First, she is right that many important issues need to be resolved between the European countries before a single currency can be developed. How is it possible to have a single currency among countries with different tax rates, different VAT rates, and different social programs?

For those who try to compare this problem with the United States where, in effect, there are different tax rates state by state, one should understand that the United States started at a zero point more than 200 years ago with its single currency. That is not the case in Europe where moving to a single currency with the massive national differences is

much more difficult.
Second, it should be realized that Great Britain, under the leadership of Mrs Thatcher, has been at the head of the list of European countries moving towards the single market economy of 1992. The British Parliament has adopted more of the new pan-European laws than any other country in the EC. Mrs Thatcher is not an anti-European leader.
Many other countries understand
the problems Mrs Thatcher has
put forward, but do not have the
courage to say so in public.

I am sure that Mrs Thatcher will be vindicated in the years ahead. Yours faithfully, PIERRE SALINGER, 3 Montpelier Square, Knightsbridge, SW7.

October 30. From Mr Michael Welsh, MEP for Lancashire Central (European

Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, It is ironic that, as European heads of government celebrate the 11-1 agreement to introduce Stage 2 of economic and monetary union on January 1, 1994, they fail to understand that their continued procrastination on agricultural reform makes the realisation of that goal much less likely.

As the days pass it seems that the Community is incapable of agreeing a common position for the final stages of the GATT Round and that the Germans are indeed prepared to torpedo the

world trading system in the short-term interests of their farmers.

The collapse of the Uruguay Round may well usher in a period of turbulence and recession which would hit the weaker European economies, many of which depend on exports, particularly hard. They might then find it impossible

From Mr Roger Moate, MP for

Sir, Eurotunnel has launched a

campaign to entice the small in-

vestor to take part in the rights

issue for the Channel tunnel

project. It was only on September

15 this year that Mr Alastair Morton, the chairman, was re-

ported in The Times as saying that

"the shareholders may not survive. They face the real risk, and

always have done, because the

banks own the security. But if it does go bust, the capitalist process

It is certainly right to assume, despite a series of crises in the

financing arrangements, that the tunnel will be built. Too much

bank debt and political prestige

have been sunk into the project to

Faversham (Conservative)

Tunnel gap

Mr Morton was very frank in drawing attention to the extraordinarily high risks faced by small shareholders but it is noteworthy that that frankness is now reduced to the very, very small print in the national advertising campaign.

The tunnel is now likely to cost approximately £8.6 billion, including the contingency reserve, It should be remembered that the total gross revenue last year on all the cross-Channel services, including all freight services to France, Holland, Belgium, etc., would not have exceeded £750 million. Just to service £8.6 billion of tunnel investment, even allowing for astronomical growth, leaves a very large gap. It is called credibility.

electricity; of the lorry drivers, and

Think of the postal workers, not

forgetting my country postman who has to drive all the way up the

lane to put the stuff through my

letter box. And my country dust-

man, who has to drive it all the

way back to the council depot,

thence to be transported in huge

juggernauts thundering through

villages, to be dumped over the

wildlife in some lonely and beautiful stretch of marshland down the

All that money, spinning ever

faster in ever diminishing circles,

must be what they call "the economy", and doubtless has

something to do with employment

Yours faithfully. ROGER MOATE, House of Commons. October 29.

the wasted petrol.

Thames estuary.

Yours sincerely

Walliswood,

ALEX PLUMMER.

Hedgehog Cottage,

Dorking, Surrey.

Junk mail

aliow it to stop.

will take over".

From Mr Alexander Plummer

Sir, From time to time my bank sends me quantities of rubbish. There are beautifully printed glossy brochures offering goods for sale, places for spending holidays, exhortations to possess divers credit cards and to take loans, insurance and private medicine that I neither want nor need, as well as unwanted information about the bank.

I receive some 2 kilograms of this stuff per annum. Multiply this by the many millions of other mank customers. Sir. what of the slaughtered

forest trees? And think of the paper mills, churning effluent into the nearest river, of the complicated printing machinery and all the people who make and service it; of the gallons of coloured inks, of the wasted

Roads and nature From the Director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England

Sir, It is all very well for the Secretary of State for Transport to criticise the way in which English Heritage undertook its study of the impact of his road construction programme (report, October 16). But without clear information from his department it is impossible to quantify accurately the impact of his programme on our

Trunk roads are planned and designed by engineers within the closed walls of Marsham Street or the outlying satellite offices. The result is that the environmental aspects get apparently little consideration in the early stages of olanning.

If the secretary of state wishes to appease his critics and to take his environmental mantle scriously then we should be given a full account of the likely consequences of his road construction programme at the time the programme is announced.

dress, as a minimum, the potential damage to nationally protected ecological, cultural and scenic features such as sites of special scientific interest, scheduled ancient monuments and areas of outstanding natural beauty. Then perhaps we could begin a constructive dialogue about how to reduce the cost to our countryside rather than argue about STATUSTICS. Yours faithfully

ANDREW PURKIS Director. Council for the Protection of Rural England Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Road. London SW1. October 23,

On other lines

From Mr Christopher Jolly Sir, Scott Melatosh's letter (October 18) ignored busways in making his case for trams and trains.

While modern trams may be able to carry over 20,000 passengers per hour, typical capacities are around a quarter of that. On the other hand, the Express Bus These consequences should ad-

Community role in probation cases

From the Chief Probation Officer. Berkshire Probation Service

ber 26), rightly emphasises the community penalties for offenders probation services have develpoint which should be of widespread concern.

themselves why, when the British point of view was so patently correct, it so signally failed to stick. Sir, The United Kingdom and the Commonwealth find their deep and lasting cohesion vividity af-

repay their debt to society.

Even the traditional supervision

will reveal.

The introduction of suspended sentences of imprisonment in 1967 actually led to an increased prison population within three years, whereas Section 123 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 has almost certainly contributed to a decrease in the use of custody for 17 to 20-year-old offenders. Any new legislation must build on this experience and impact on sentencing behaviour in the way intended if the government's policy objectives are to be realised.

Curtailing the general power of courts need not threaten judicial independence in any particular case and the pressure which suggests otherwise should be firmly resisted. Most probation staff know only too well that the skill in their work centres not in choosing between "compassion or control but in successfully reconciling them. What does concern them is that the government should seize

paragraph of your report (October 30, later editions) on dog registra-Aids message It appears now, however, that, with most of the EC having dog registra-From the Director of Family & Youth Concern

> Sir, Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the Aids debate, another wave of hysteria breaks upon the shore. The Aids lobby, which now

constitutes a considerable bureaucracy, depends for its government funding upon the perception of Aids as a major public health threat. Hence the widespread publicity given to the doubling of supposedly heterosexual cases last

However, the numbers are so tiny as to be statistically insignificant. Of the 240 cases attributed to heterosexual intercourse (still only 6.3 per cent of the total), 77 per cent were of known exposure abroad. This still leaves Aids as a

very minor problem compared with, say, heart disease or cancer. Yet Sir David Cox is still telling MPs (report, October 25) to expect a heterosexual explosion, and

Housing for students From Mrs G. Wylie Sir, University entrance has risen

this year by 6 per cent - available university accommodation has not. Many young people are enduring temporary billets or are travelling from digs which can be miles from their campuses. It is not a helpful way to start living away from home.

If payment of housing benefit is judged to be right for someone living on a low income, why withhold it from someone who is living on an equally low income, and who has no choice but to live away from home?

Until it was withdrawn this term, entitlement to housing benefit had been a significant factor in moving second-year students out of university halls and subsidised housing and into the private sector, although this greater independence was bought at higher cost, as rents must be paid throughout the holidays.

In some university towns there is no such thing as a "low rent" even for sub-standard housing. Accommodation officers are in for a real headache, and the lottery faced by 18-year-old first-years is Yours faithfully,

4 Holt Gardens. Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.

Lane from New Jersey to New York carries 65,800 in the threehour morning peak, which is greater than the 60,300 carried by the two port authority trans-Hudson rail lines over the same corridor.

Again, while modern trams can run up to 50 mph, buses can be faster. On the guided busway in Adelaide, buses achieve 62.5 mph, where they have the same advantage of a segregated alignment. More realistic are the average speeds, While the Docklands Light Railway achieves an average speed of 19 mph on the Tower Gateway to Island Gardens section, the Adelaide guided busway achieves an average speed of 28 soph from its outer end to the

centre of Adelaide. Yours faithfully. CHRIS JOLLY, Clare Hall, Chapel Lane, Chigwell, Essex. October 18,

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effectiveness.

Yours faithfully,

145 Friar Street.

Reading Berkshire.

MALCOLM J. BRYANT.

Berkshire Probation Service.

Sir. Taken out of context the views

which I expressed to Quentin

Cowdry in a telephone conver-

sation ("Court sentences 'must be

tough", report, October 25) could be misleading. In using the word

"tough" I was reterring to the

process of learning self-discipline

and altering behaviour patterns

for people whose lives are often in chaos. Curfews and electronic

tagging may impose external con-

trols on an individual's behaviour.

They will not help individuals to

Community service is not an

easy option for those whose lives

have no structure. Probation or-

ders can be challenging and con-

frontational, Changing long-estab-lished patterns of anti-social behaviour is painful. But in order

to maintain high standards of

supervision and to operate an

effective system, work-loads must

be manageable. At present, in my

Mr Cowdry's report implies that there is a split in the probation

service between those who feel

that welfare needs are paramount

and those who feel that control

takes precedence. In my experi-

ence, the majority of probation

officers believe that addressing

welfare needs is a natural part of

the "package" of probation which

deals not simply with the offend-

ing behaviour but also with why someone offends. In this sense the

skill of the probation officers lies

in their handling of the balance of

Inner London Probation Service,

view, they are not.

build their own controls.

Chief Probation Officer,

From Miss Carol Fisher

the present opportunity to create a

legal framework which will reduce

this country's over-dependence on

prison. In short, the debate is not

about intention or credibility, but

Sir, Your interesting editorial. "Compassion or control?" (Octoneed for positive and demanding but overlooks the way in which oped in recent years and misses a

Probation staff are well aware of the damage caused by crime - to victims, the community and offenders themselves. Although the supervision of offenders remains the primary task of the probation service, its work now includes local crime-prevention schemes, work for victim support. and the organisation of millions of hours of useful, unpaid community service work by offenders to

of probationers which challenges anti-social attitudes and helps them to deal with their personal and social problems is as much a service to the community as to the offender. The whole community is therefore the real "client" of the probation service, as any detailed examination of probation practice

predicts that heterosexual cases will outnumber homosexual ones within five years. Those with long memories will recall that Sir David chaired the committee which warned the DHSS in 1988 that by the end of 1992 there would be 17,000 Aids deaths.

191a Askew Road, W12.

"care" and "control".

Yours faithfully.

CAROL FISHER

(Probation officer),

The Cox report's findings have twice been revised downwards. and the estimated number of deaths by the end of 1993 was given earlier this year as 6,380. Even this figure will almost certainly be too high.

Your medical correspondent would do well to treat further predictions from this source with a degree of healthy scepticism, instead of describing those who question Aids scares as "ig-norant" ("Aids: this time send the right message", October 17).

Yours sincerely, VALERIE RICHES, Director, Family & Youth Concern. Wicken. Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Mobile posters

From Mr E. M. Davies

Sir, The Town and Country Planning Act 1947 removed the blight of advertising hoardings from the countryside. The benefit of this can be appreciated when one visits the USA or countries in Europe where they still exist. Today, however, the disfigure-

ment of our environment is once again with us in the form of commercial vehicles painted ip vivid colours and emblazoned with over-sized letters. Yesterday i saw a very large

lony painted a dazzling white with four-foot letters in crimson advertising a brand of potato crisps and another, painted or-ange, with a cartoon of a squashed lemon and a message covering its entire side. These vehicles are becoming

mobile posters and are defeating the intentions of the original act. Yours faithfully EVAN M. DAVIES, 31 Castle Street, Farnham, Surrey.

A new forest

From Mr David W. Lloyd Sir, Bernard Levin (October 22)

cannot have studied very closely the map of the area over which it is intended to plant a forest, since he wonders which is its "most romantic or charming village name". If he had, he would have discovered Ashby de la Zouch (albeit a town), If the forest were so named, it

would surely become known as "A-Z Forest". Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. LLOYD. 17 Fore Street, Old Harlow, Essex.

Clamper clamped? From Mr Roger Fit=Gerald

Sir I have just observed one of the Metropolitan Police's wheelclamping vans, illegally parked, left unattended for at least 15 minutes in London's West End.

Your recent photograph (October 24) of a clamped milk-delivery float suggests that nobody is immune from this device, and I wonder what course of action Ishould have taken. (Is there, for instance, scope within the law fora "citizen's clamp"?) Yours faithfully,

ROGER FIZGERALD. 124 Pepys Road, SE14. October 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 31: Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones was received by The Queen open his appointment as Licuteriant-Governor of the Isle of Man. Lady Jones was also received

by Her Majesty.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief. The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomany, received Licutenant-Colonel Jeremy Blott upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, and Licutenant-Colonel Michael Evans upon the surgans the ans upon lassuming the inunent.

The Queen Incld a Council at

12.40pm.
There were present: the Right
Hon Sir Geriffrey Howe. MP
(Lord President). the Right Hon David Waddington, MP (Secretary of State for the Hone Department', the Right Hon Antony Nevston, MP (Secretary of State for Social Security) and the Right Hon Timothy Renton, MP (Parliamentary Secretary,

Mr Geo ffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.
The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey

Howe, M.P. had an audience of Her Majissiy before the Council. Major Sir John Griffin was received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Com-mander of the Royal Victorian

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for mem-bers of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the George Cross.

The Duke of Edinburgh.
Hoporary Life Member of the
British Sub-Aqua Club, this
morning presented the 1989 The
Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Underwater Science to the members of Cambridge University Archaeological Expedition

The Duke of Edinburgh, Capthin General, attended the Royal Mannes Colonels Comrnandant funch, in Admiratty House.

Captain Alastair Rogers, RM, was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Sports Trust, attended a Gala Evening at the London Hilton Hotel. Lieutenant Commander Maloim Sillars. RN, was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 31: This afternoon The Princess Royal, President, Brit-

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Patron of the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new development at 3.60. The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.45 to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Warrant Holders

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a lecture on Glamis Castle given by the London at Burlington House at

The Duchess of York will visit

Prince Edward will attend the premiere of the film Bullseye at the Odeon, Leicester Square at 8.00 in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain and the Stars

Institute of Packaging

London, last night,

The Rank Prize Funds

Mr Densk Shorten, Chairman of the National Council of the Institute of Packaging, presided at the annual Fellows dinner

held at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Sir John Davis, Chairman of the

frustees of the Rank Prize

Funds, presided at a dinner held

last night at The Dormy House. Broadway, Worcestershire. The

event was to mark the final

evening of a Mini-symposium

held on "Starch: An Underesti-

attended by invited scientists archited of invited Scientists from the United Kingdom, Can-ada and Europe, Among the guests were: Dr J. Edelman, Sir Leslie Fowden, (Members of the

Funds' Advisory Committee on

Numion) and Dr R. Angold (Scientific Organiser).

Royal Institute of International

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-

Commonwealth Affairs, was the

mark the 70th anniversary of

the Royal Institute of Inter-national Affairs. Sir Christopher

Tugendhat, chairman, and Admiral Sir James Eberle, director,

were the hosts. Among those

Present were:
The Ambarwadors of Brazil Egypt Indonesa Halt, Japan, Korea, Wester Switzerland and Venezuela, the Heab Commissioner for Bruses Lord Chertes, Lord Chertes and Edge of Chertesham, Lord National Chertesham, Lord Sharkelon, Nir Emmang Delli Sil Peire Peiro Sir Cerald and Lads Elitot Sir William Harding Sir Philip Jones and Sir Patrick Windhi

Queen Mary and Westfield

Mr Edward Heath, MP, re-

ceived a Fellowship of Queen

Mary and Westfield College and

delivered the maneural fellows

vesterday at the college. Mr Martin Harris, chairman of the

dinner held atterwards. Among

other newly elected tellows at

ladies' dinner of the Plaisterers'

the dinner were:

Plaisterery Company

present were:

rest of honour at a dinner held.

ish Olympic Association, at tended the Annual General Meeting at the Cate Royal, 68 Regent Street, London Wil Lieutenant-Colonel Peter

Gibbs was in attendance. The Princess Royal Honorary Colonel, University of London. Officer Training Corps, received Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Clayton, Royal Artillery on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Wallington, Royal Tank Regi-ment upon assuming the

The Princess Royal, President. Federation Equestre International, later left Royal Air Force Northolt for Monte Carlo where Her Royal Highness will attend the 24th General Association of International Sports Federation Congress and Gen-KENSINGTON PALACE

October 31: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Marylebone Centre Trust, visited the Marylebone Health Centre accompanied by a group of Muslim leaders and Anglican

Clergy. Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance,
Subsequently His Royal
Highness gave a lunch at Kensington Palace,
The Prince of Wales received
the Secretary of State for Energy
(the Right Hon John Wakeham,
MP) at St James's Palace,
His Royal Highness received

His Royal Highness received the Governor-General designate of New Zealand (Dame Catherine Tizard) at St James

The Prince of Wales attended an evening reception for the Marylebone Centre Trust at Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1, Major General Sir Chris-

topher Airy was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE October 31: Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester. Air Chief Commandant. Women's Royal Air Force, today visited Royal Air Force Cottesmore. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in altendance. The Duke of Gloucester this morning laid the foundation stone at Vintner's Place. London, EC4. in the evening His Royal

Highness, Patron, Building In-dustry Youth Trust, was present at a reception at Innholders Hall, College Street, London.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

union dinner at the Cafe Royal at 7.15. Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor industry, will attend the annual meeting at Fanshaws, Brickendon, at 11.00.

Birthdays today chairman, Fiat. 56; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, Lord Mayor of London, 56; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former master.

Churchill College. Cambridge former Bishop of Birmingham. 83: Admiral Sir John Bush. 76: of Antiquaries of Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton. 84: Miss Victoria de los Angeles, opera singer, 67; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 78; Mr D.C. Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 68: Sir Trinity Hospice, Clapham, at 11,00. Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat. 67: Mr Andrew Knight, executive chairman, News Inter-national. 51; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 93; Mr Gary

Dinners

were:

Organisation for Spastics.
The Princess Royal will attend the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association's biennial re-

OBITUARIES

Lord Caccia, GCMG, GCVO, former British ambassador to Vienna and to Washington and Provost of Eton, died yesterday aged 84. He was born in northern India on December 21, 1905.

LORD Caccia, British ambassador to Washington from 1956 to 1962 and then permanent under secretary of state at the Foreign Office, was the first head of the new unified diplomatic service. Thereafter as Provost of Eton and in a variety of business and other posts he found new scope for the energy and drive which had contributed so much to the success of his distinguished diplomatic career. Stocky, fair and blue-eyed, a fine player of ball games and a good shot, he did not pretend to intellectual brilliance: but he had a keenly practical intelligence and a vigorous personality which fitted him admirably for the newer style of diplomacy. He had to a high degree what one of his predecessors declared to be the essential attributes of a permanent under secretary at the Foreign Office: staying power

Harold Anthony Caccia was born in India. His father, Anthony Caccia, CB, MVO, was then a member of the Indian forest service and later served with distinction in the secretariat of the Paris Peace Conference. The family had come to Britain during the Italian risorgimento and kept links with Italy which were to prove of value to Caccia when he was to work there with Harold Macmillan as a diplomat during the Allied campaign from 1943. His Italian remained

RAUDL At Trinity College, Oxford, Caccia played for the university in 1926 as a centre threequarter, being one of the first two Etonians to win a rugby blue. He obtained a second class in PPE in 1927. He began in the law, serving as judge's marshal to Mr Justice Mckinnon. But he turned from the bar to diplomacy, having won in 1928 a Laming travelling fellowship at Queen's, a college whose help many pre-war entrants to the old diplomatic and consular services remember with gratitude. He entered the Foreign Office in 1929 and in 1932 was posted to the

legation in Peking. He returned to the Foreign Office in 1935. His bustling energy soon made its mark when in the next year he became assistant private secretary to the foreign secretary, Anthony Eden. In 1939 he went to Athens as head of chancery, being promoted first secretary in 1940. He was much involved in the legation's enforced and adventurous escape from the Greek capital. Caccia sailed to Crete, where a number of subsequent events were sharply fictionalised by Evelyn Waugh in his trilogy Sword of Honour. There he was to pick up the King of Greece together with the British ambas-sador. This was achieved with the help of Peter Fleming, who had been

LORD CACCIA

working behind enemy lines, and Caccia's brother-in-law, Oliver Barstow. The party crossed the Greek mountains by foot and were eventually evacuated by boat to Alexandria. But Barstow, whose sister he had married in 1932, was killed in

Caccia returned for a time to the Foreign Office. In the summer of 1943, however, he began a period of notable service in the Mediterranean under Harold Macmillan. whose high regard he won, first briefly in Algiers, then as vicepresident of the political section of the Allied Control Commission in Italy and finally as political adviser to the commander of the British forces in Greece. His robust and cheerful personality and unconventional ways put him on excellent terms with senior officers of all nationalities. He was one of the first allied civilians to enter Rome, where he astonished a party of Italian diplomats drawn up in full uniform at the ministry of foreign affairs to welcome the allied representatives, by emerging from a battered jeep in a dust-stained bush-shirt. He accompanied Harold Macmillan to

Athens in the thick of the crisis of

December 1944 and later joined the

embassy as minister, taking charge during a difficult period in the

day's work followed by a strenuous game of cricket or tennis, he would sometimes fall asleep at Athenian dinner tables, somewhat to the surprise of his hosts and fellow

Later in 1945, in which year he was made CMG, he returned to London as chairman of the joint intelligence committee of the chiess of staff, a post for which his wartime service admirably fitted him. In 1946, however, Bevin personally chose him for the important post of chief clerk, in which as an assistant under secretary under the wise and much loved Sir David Scott be played a big part in the formation of the new unified foreign service created by the Eden reforms of 1943. Here again, as later as head of the service, his robust common-sense stood him in good stead, although there were perhaps occasions when his readiness to take a disagreeable but necessary decision led him to act rather too hastily.

Promoted deputy under secretary in 1949, he was made KCMG in 1950, in which year he went to Vienna. There he spent four happy years as British high commissioner and ambassador. The zest with which he threw himself into all his activities endeared him to the Austrians - and perhaps especially the shooting which later lined with

trophies the walls of the permanent under secretary's vast room at the Foreign Office. He enjoyed his brushes with Marshal Timoshenko and once won a crate of champagne from the Soviet representative on the question of smuggling arms into the divided capital.

In 1964 he returned to London as deputy under secretary, nominally in charge of economic affairs. In practice, however, he spent much of his time as chief adviser to three successive secretaries of state on their many journeys abroad. In the summer of 1956 his appointment to Washington without immediate replacement left the Foreign Office dangerously weakened during three vital months. Caccia's arrival in Washington a

week after the start of the Suez operation and a few days after Dulles had been taken ill could hardly have come at a more difficult moment for a new ambassador, but he rose spiendidly to the challenge. He had no previous knowledge of the United States, but from his wartime service he knew well a number of major figures on the Washington scene, especially Bedell-Smith, then acting secretary of state. Robert Murphy and the president himself. Caccia made the most of these contacts. Once again his strong personality and forceful

manner were very effective and he rapidly established himself. In fact opinion in the United States as a whole was not nearly as shocked by the Suez affair as were the State Department and the White House. Relations fairly quickly returned to normal, especially after Macmillan became prime minister. The successful royal visit to America set the seal on this process. Thereafter Caccia's unflagging energy and personal gifts ensured the success of a notable mission during which he visited and spoke in virtually every State in the Union.

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Early in 1962 Caccia, who had been advanced to GCMG in 1959 and GCVO in 1961, became permanent under secretary at the Foreign Office and head of the foreign service. He found the Foreign Office, or at least a part of it deeply committed to the first unsuccessful attempt to enter the EEC, with which he was perhaps personally not much in sympathy. In keeping with his temperament he sought to give a more robust tone to British foreign policy generally; but the hard facts of Britain's position in the world, coupled with the administrative load which any holder of this post must bear, limited his capacity to initiate or influence policy. Perhaps the outstanding achievement of his period of office was the long overdue amalgamation of the foreign and commonwealth services recommended by the Plowden committee, Caccia deservedly became the first head of the new diplomatic service.

On his retirement in 1965 he received a life neerage. In the same year he was appointed Provost of Eton where Lady Caccia and he maintained the same warm hospitality enjoyed by their guests abroad. He applied himself with his usual energy to the problems of a great public school in a period of rapid changes under the Wilson government, not all of which were to his liking. He was also soon in demand in business, becoming in particular chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, the British subsidiary of the American company ITT. As chairman of the council of the Ditchley Foundation he continued to work for Anglo-American understanding. Among other posts and honours which came to him were those of bonorary fellow of his college, chairman of the Gabbitas-Thring Educational Trust and chancellor of the Order of St John of Jerusalem of which he was a Knight Grand Cross.

Perhaps the post which gave him the most pleasure after the appointment as Provost of Eton was the presidency of MCC in 1973. He was always a marvelious games player. His links with Austria and the London Anglo-Austrian Society were close and highly valued.

Caccia married in 1932 Anne Catherine, daughter of Sir George Barstow, KCB. He is survived by her and two daughters

PROFESSOR ALFRED SAUVY

October 30 aged 92. He was born on October 31, 1898.

anti-Malthusian doctrines did much to alert French opinion in the 1930s and 1940s to the tendency and to pave the way

Professor Alfred Sauvy, French But he always argued that in that field, and he was its the early post-war years. But then - especially under de demography", he published demographer, died in Paris on Europe a healthy society and director until 1962. He be- he pointed also to sponta- Gaulle - of stimulating the nearly 50 books during his economy depended on a came a friend and adviser of neous psychological factors: birth-rate, and Sauvy was an very long career. Among the healthy birth-rate.

born in a village near Per-ALFRED Sauvy was the most pignan. After passing through distinguished and influential the prestigious Ecole member of the population instinct forced into action by population growth in the third of modern French demog-raphers. His strongly-held career in statistics - a science Nations.

As he later came to study that he always adored - and in 1937 joined the cabinet of tion, and even to reverse this of finance. At the liberation be became secretary general for population and the family, the high family allowances factor behind the economic in France. Later, he became and in 1945 he founded the that were adopted at the recovery of those years. equally aware of the greater Institut National d'Études liberation. Sauvy saw these as This pro-natalist viewpoint alike of right and left.

He was a French Catalan, ten years held the chair of collective national con- in official circles. His views social demography at the Coll- science", a regaining of faith led him at first to underestiège de France. He was also a in the future and a survival mate the effects of rapid

Before and during the war, Paul Reynaud, then minister France's very low birth-rate in the 1930s, and was one of those who argued in favour of to 56 million) as an essential dangers of the population explosion in the third world.

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Pierre Mendes France, and for he saw the change as due to "a admired and welcome figure world. Later he modified this stance. But he retained a faith France's post-war demos- in the ability of mankind to population (it has moved planned population control. Sauvy was also distin-

sociologist. He argued lucidly against all economic dogmas "the Balzac of economics and daughter.

best known are: Richesse et Population (1943), La Montée des Jeunes (1960), Théorie Générale de la Population (1963), and Croissance Zéro? (1963). His regular column in Le Monde was influential. Sauvy studied the reasons for raphy, he saw the rising shape its own destiny, through Sauvy was a warm-hearted, vivacious and idealistic man, who always kept strong roots guished as an economist and in his native French Catalonia.

He is survived by his Described by one friend as widow, Marthe, and their one

Luncheons

Company held tast night at Plaisterers' Hall. Mr Julian Dairymple. Master. presided. assisted by Mr H.J.W. Wartell and Mr G.C. Grover. Wardens. The Lord Mayor, Mr Deputy E.P.T. Roney and Mr P.E.J. Machine also people. Carlton Club Political Machius also spoke. Law Society Mr Tom King, Secretary of State Mr Anthony Holland, President for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at a lunof the Law Society, and Mrs Holland were hosts at a dinner cheon of the Political Com-mittee of the Carlion Club held held last night at 60 Cares Street. Among those present esterday at the club. Sir Wil-

West Right Roy Peter and Mrs Mumford, Judge and Mrs Ian Mack intosh. Rear Admiral and Mrs G Hitchens, Mr and Mrs Brian Harvey. Father Anthony Wilcox and Mrs V bearthurgton Foundation for Science and

Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC. President of the Foundation for Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society, Mr P.T. McInerney, Dr R.H. Flowers and Mr David Cope also spoke.

Families for Defence Lady Olga Martland, Chairman of the Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held last meht at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir Antony Buck, QC. MP. The German Ambassador was the guest speaker.

Marriages

Mr S.E. Race and Miss S. Bethell The marriage took place on Saturday, October 27, at St Nicholas' Church, Norton. Hertfordshire, of Mr Simon Race, elder son of Mr and Mrs Enc Race, of Broxbourne. Hertfordshire, to Miss Susan Bethell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Bethell, of Hertford. The bride was attended by

Miss Frances Kearney. Mr Juhan Race was best man. The reception was held at The college council, presided at a Blakemore, Little Wymondley. and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

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Farningham, Kent

Forthcoming marriages

Nir M.J. Benson and Miss G.M. O'Connor The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr. and Mrs Patrick Benson, of Spanish Place, London, WI.

and Grace Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Don O'Connor, of Rathgar, Dublin. man, presided and the Earl of Stockton also spoke. Board of Deputies of British and Miss U.P.L. Kent The President, Honorary Offi-

cers and Secretary General of the Board of Deputies of British Jews gave a luncheon yesterday at Woburn House to mark the 85th birthday (November I) of Lady Janner. Dr Lionel the chair. Among those present

The Chief Rabbi and Lady Johobovith Lord Bottomies Lord Clanton Davis Lord and Lady Morris of Kenwood Lord Satisbury Lord Justice Wool and the Hon Gree Life Janner. QC. Mp and Mrs. Janner. TT Riders Association

ham van Straubenzee, chair-

Mr Tony Jefferies. President of the TT Riders Association, welcomed members and their guests to the annual luncheon held yesterday at the National Motorcycle Museum. Birmingham.

Service luncheon

Royal Marines The Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT. Captain General Royal Marines, was present at a lunch for Colonels Commandant Royal Marines on October 31, 1990. in Admiralty House, London. The Representative Colonel Commandant, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, KCB, presided. The guests included the Commandant General Royal Marines, Lieutenant-General H.Y. La R. Beverley, OBE.

Lecture

Air League Air Marshal Sir Thomas Stonor. Group Director and Controller National Air Traffic Services. delivered the annual Andrew Humphrey memorial lecture at 4 Hamilton Place last night. Mr Michael I. Cobham, Chairman of the Air League, presided.

Mr R.D. Gough and Miss M.J. Cart

The engagement is announced between Nat. youngest son of the late Sir Harry and Lady Butterfield. of Bermuda. and Ursula youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Brian Kent, of Cedarwood, Ascot. Berkshire.

Mr T.M.P. Butterworth and Miss E.A. Bowring The engagement is announced between Tyler, only son of the late Mr Peter Butterworth and of Mrs Peter Butterworth, of Dane Hill, Sussex, and Libby.

Lawkland Hall, Austwick. Mr B.E. Compton-Welstead and Miss B.M. Grice The engagement is announced between Benjamin, only son of Mr and Mrs David Compton. of Stonely, Huntingdon, and Belinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Grice, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Bowring, of

Mr E. Foggitt and Miss S. Pitt

The engagement is announced between Eben, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Foggitt, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Steffanie, daughter of Mrs Ingrid Pitt and Anthony Rudlin, of St Margarets. Middlesex.

Mr K.P. Fowler and Miss S.J. Goodwin The engagement is announced between Kenneth, only son of Mrs Gwendoline Dixon, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and the late Mr Jack Fowler, and Sarah.

eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Goodwin, of Priors Mar-

ston, Warwickshire

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel D.E. Gough and of Mrs D.E. Gough, of Farnborough Park, Kent, and Miranda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Carr, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Hill and Miss J.R. Hooper The engagement is announced between Tony, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs N.R. Hill,; Jacqueline Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.C. Hooper, of Molcombe, Dorset, formerly of St Neot's School.

Mr J.M. Langbam and Miss C.E. Crawford The engagement is announced between Justin Morley, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Langham, of Bingham's Melcombe, Dorset, and Catherine Elspeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crawford, Guildford, Surrey.

Mr R.H. McAlpine and Miss L.E. Wee The engagement is announced between Richard Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, of Lamberhurst. Kent, and Linda Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr William Leighton Wee and of Mrs Wee. of San Francisco, California,

Mr W.G. Mackie and Miss C.J.M. Daniels The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Mackie, of Godalming, Surrey, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Daniels, of Salisbury,

Mr C.E.S. Marriott and Miss C.J.Z. Shand The engagement is announced

between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Marriou of Chilton Candover. Hampshire, and Camilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Shand, of Holland Park, London

Mr N.C.E. Speakman and Miss A.L. Read The engagement is announced between Nickolas, son of Mr and Mrs J. Speakman, of Woodharn Lodge, Bicknacre. Essex, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.

Mr R.D.O. Stark and Miss E.M. Radd The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs David Stark of Hookwood, West Horsley, Surrey, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rudd. of Heron's Court.

Pinkney's Green, Berkshire. Mr D.K. Utterson and Miss M.J. Mackle The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Utterson, of Bourn End. Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, daughter of Dr Henry Mackle, of Portadown, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, and of Rosemary Campbell, of

Mr M.J. Younger and Miss S.E. Black The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr Stephen Younger, Denbrae House, St Andrews, Fife, and of the Hon Mrs Jean Lindesay-Bethune, Muircambus, Elie.

St Andrew's Ball

Fife, and Susan, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Murray Black,

Bush, Edinburgh

The St Andrew's Ball will be held at Grosvenor House of Friday, November 30, 1990. There will be a pre-Ball session at Wandsworth Town Hall, on Thursday, November 1. Ball tickets are £37.50 including breakfast and some dranks. A limited number of dinner tickets

Leading pipers compete amid castle's splendour

By ANGUS NICOL

TEN of the world's leading third with an excellent perforpipers were brought together mance of the MacDougall's for the seventeenth Glenfiddich Piping Championship In the second half, each thanks to the combined hos-

piper has to play a set of pitality of the Duke of Atholi march, Strathspey and reel. and William Grant & Sons. This competition, and the Like the other invitation competitions, there is a great deal of the recital about this event, held on Saturday, as Norman MacLeod of Suardal, the Fear an Tighe, said in his introduction. It is a recital that continues all day, pipers and listeners being amply refreshed at appropriate times. There could hardly be a better place for such an event than the Great Hall at Blair Castle, Strathclyde, which is big enough for the music and for the large audience, and which has excellent acoustics. The competition is divided

into two parts. First, the ceòl mor, the great music. First to play, and winner of the first prize, together with the Highland Society of London's Tro-phy, was Mike Cusack, from Houston, Texas. He played the Park Piobaireachd No. 2, one of two tunes commemorating the Battle of Park in the fifteenth century, and one of the oldest tunes in the repertoire. William Mac-Callum took second place.

Redfearn Glass Trophy, was won by Sergeant Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards, with an outstanding set of Lord Alexander Kennedy, the Bob of Fettercairn, and Mrs Macpherson of Inveran. Matching his performance in the ceol mor, William MacCallum took second prize with Captain Campbell of Drum a Voist, Dora MacLeod, and Li Col D J S Murray. Lance Corporal Gordon Walker. RHF, came third, playing Mrs John MacColl, Tulloch Castle, and the Smith of Chillicchassie. Fourth prize was won by Murray Henderson, who played the 74th Farewell to Edinburgh, John Roy Stewart, and Bessie MacIntyre. The

The Glenfiddich Trophy itself, for the best all-round piper, accordingly was won by William MacCallum, followed by Mike Cusack, and Murray Henderson.

fifth prize fell to Mike Cusack.

The last of the awards is the Balvenie Medal, presented with MacNeill of Barra's each year "for services to March. Last year's winner, piping". This year's winner was Robert Hardie.

Glovers' Company

Murray Henderson, came

The following have been installed officers of the Glovers' imited number of dinner tickels at £16 extra are available. Apply to The Ball Scoretary. The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 OQQ.

Athene Seyler A service of thank sgiving for the

life of Athene Seyler, CBE. will be held on Thursday, November 15, 1990, at The Actors' Church - St Paul's, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

GACCEA - On October 31st. Bland peacefully at home at 31st. Br. Hon. the Lord Caccia of Abernaud. G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., Hareld Anthony. dearly beloved husband of Nancy. Funeral on Saturday November 3rd at 3 pm 5t. Manufliks' Church, Altimaver. Family only. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Order of St. John. St. John's Gate, ECM 4DA. CLIFFTERMICK. Yes have come to the joyful gathering of God's first been some written by the last the first been some to God, who is the highest of all manking, and to help with of good paople game particle, therewas 12; 25 Grap BIRTHS ANDERSON - On October 28th, at Kingston Hoperial, to Tricia (ade Leake) and Cotto. at daughter, Calbistint Helen Frances, a sister for lain, in Alias (nee Darroch) and Charles he fore, a daughter, Annabel Flora, Section of Winn) and Charles, a daughter, Charles, and Helary, a son, Jonathan Studioline. If desired to the Order of St.
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SOUSSES - On October 17th, by Karine (the Laryes) and Osvid, a precious daughter, Hannan Rachet, a grandchild for Frank & Sylvin Cousing and Nathanish & Ethel Layee.

BOSSELLY - On October 27th 1990, at Quedn Chariotters, to Stuart and Anne (the Stanton), a son, Christopher Stuart Stanton), a son, Christopher Stuart Stanton, a brother for Nicholas.

BOSSES - On October 24th, to Maureet (the Gallegher) and Michael, a daughter, Anna Catherine Elizabeth.

LOUIS - On October 28th, to Melania (the Marier) and Robert, a daughter, Amelia Rose.

Medulik - On October 28th, to Rosemario (the Rawsthorne) and Mark, a daughter, Lucy Ann. a sister for Lauren, Thunks to all concerned,

PESSE - On October 20th 1990, at Steren District Heatering to. Arm. a sister for Lauren.
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RATT - On October 30th, at The Portland Hospital. to Lou (nie Poole) and Cordon.

a son. Thomas Robertson, a brother for Chartotte.

RIEDDY - On October 22rd, in Despond and Alison (nie Cramond), at Gr Thunas' Hospital. a dampiter. Adelaids. a sliter for Leanor.

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DOUGLAS - On October 26th.
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TAYLOR- On October 28th, at Chase Farm Hospital.

Entietid, its Louise (née Princia) and Richard, a daughter, Georgina Louise.

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Poole Cremitorium. Flowery may be sent to Richard T. Adlem Pumeral Director, Skuenny Handley, pr. Shisbory, Wils.

CL-KADI - On Mondey October 22nd 1990, peacefully in his sleep in Pennsylvania. USA. Admen El-Kadi. Journary of Baghdad and Landon. Enquiries in (071) 730-0501. (071) 730-0501.

ESCRITT - On October 31st, pencefully at home, Charles Ewart, aged 85, much towed tuestand of Ruth and father of Antony. Elisabeth and Charles, Fourtel Headington Crematornum, Ordord, on Wednesday November 7th at mone, Fundy flowers only. November 8th et 2.30 pm.

TAYLOR - On Sunday October
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beloved widow of John
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THOMAS - On October 2nd
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DEATHS

November 1

The new Queen of Bulgaria was

Giovanna - known there as Ioanna - a daughter of King Victor Emmanual III of Italy (1869-1947).

Her husband, King Borie (1894-1943), was a man not without gifts; a good linguist and naturalist, he also draw steam trains on occasions. It

was his involvement in Balkan wheeling and dealing in the second

world war that was to be his undoing. Many regarded the circum-

THE NEW QUEEN'S

HOMECOMING

FESTIVITIES IN SOFIA

Under the golden domes of the cathedral of St Alexander Nevski, the

magnificent building which commemorates Imperial Russia's

share in the liberation of Bulgaria

more than half a century ago, the

marriage of King Boris and Queen loanna was blessed this morning

according to the rites of the Orthodox

Church. But for the omission of the

usual question asked of the bride and

bridgroom, the procedure was identical with the full marriage

celebration. The customary bridal

crowns were placed on the heads of

the bride and bridegroom, both drank

consecrated wine from the same cup,

according to Orthodox custom, and

the wedding benediction was given

The Royal train reached Sofia just before 10 o'clock this morning, and

The met at the station by the Chinet. Their Majestics voyage

from Brindisi to Bourges had given

Government and the municipal-

by a welcome breathing space in which to complete their preparations by the reception, which had necessary been somewhat burried. In spitcar the King's request that the welcome of his capital should be of a model character, the people were unablest an or to proper the point to

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SOFIA, OCT. 31

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BURT-AMBREWS - On October 28th, peacehold at home, Bognor Rusis, Standard George, aged 52 years, later Correll George, mach loved husband, father and grandfather. Enquires to Reynolds a Co., 31 High Street, Bognor Rusis, feld (GEAS) 854748. ON THIS DAY

1930 their joy at the marriage. Flags, garlands, and electric lights were prodigally displayed, and made Solia shed her dun autumnal aspect and become a city of colour and light. Under a triumphal arch, the Mayor, M. Vasoff, surrounded by the munici-pal council, offered the King and Queen the traditional bread and salt, and in warm words welcomed her Majesty to Sofia.

All eyes were fixed on the graceful

figure of the young Queen, who was wearing a short wedding veil sur-mounted by a diadem of brilliants. She smiled and waved her hand continually in answer to the cheers of the crowd. It was a welcome of which the crowd. It was a welcome of which any Sovereign might have been proud. The route passed by an old Turkish mosque, a reminder of the days of Bulgarian servitude, across the open square which faces the little yellow Palace, suggestive of the Resi-denz of some German Grand Duchy, and 40 JPD 20 the and so up to the great white Cathedral, which stands on a slight eminence dominating the town. Behind the cordon of troops which lined the open space round the Cathedral were packed row upon row of eager people, and on the steps before the west door was a more impressive sight than that provided by the frock-coats and top hats of the City Fathers — the members of the Holy Synod, the Archbishops of Vidin, Sofia, Ploydiv, and Stara Zagora, patriarchal figures with flowing beards, gorgeous in gold-embroidered chasubles and gilt crowns, waiting to

welcome the Royal pair. The four Archibishops officiated collectively. Nothing was lacking in the service to impart solemnity to the occasion. The long lines of bearded dergy huddled in their heavy copes, the flickering light of the great candles shed on the rich icons and marbles of the church furniture, and the beautiful chanting of the massed choirs was the perfection of Church

When the ceremony was over King Boris and Queen loanna (as she will be known in Bulgaria) drove back by a different route to the Palace, where they stood on the steps to take the salute of the troops which defiled before them, battalion by battalion, with colours flying, a very gallant

MANDEVILLE - On October SOR 1990, at The Cottage Nursing Home, Commel. Reverend Meurice Mandeville, his Vicer of St. Pairick's Perish. Hove. Suspex and Canon of Accra Cathedral, Chanas. Labe of Manian Court and Kilsheelan. Commel. Co. Tipperary, ireland. Sadly Intend by his loving brother, sither, nephews, niecos, relatives and his many friends. Responsing at Chonnel. Responsing at Chonnel. Responsing of Chonnel. Responsing of St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Commel. Requiem Eucharist at 11 am on Friday. Burish WESTON - On October 29th, peocelully at The General Hospital, Jursey. Edward Frank, much loved husband of Joyce, loving father of Jawany and Julian, will be audit nimed by all his relatives and triends. Private funeral to be held in Jersey. No flowers by request, donations in his memory may be sent to The British Heart Foundation. 87 Gloucuster Place. London WIH 4084. Pitcher & Le Quette. 59 Kensington Place, St Heiter, Jersey. MEMORIAL SERVICES Clonnel, Requiem Eucharist at 11 am on Friday, Burlat, at 11 am on Friday, Burlat, Summeliately afterwards to Kitisions Comptery, Rest in Peace, Family flowers, done, bloms It desired to St. Mary's Church of Col. Statuey Watson, Bullingurrens, Clonnel.

COWPER - An ecumenical service of manisary wing for the life and ministry of Fabian Cowper, will be celebrated at 12 o'clock on November 24th at St James' Church, Spanish Piace, Wi. Manuel, Church, Spanish Piace, Wi. Manuel, Corner President of Corpus for Mr W.F.R. Hardie, former President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Light Church of the L son, Ballingarrens, Clonmel.

160415 - On October 25th, at King Edward VII Hospital. Midhurst, pescrulity after an illness borne with courage and dignity, William Edward Novia M.B.E., very much loved by his wife Enid and son Peter. For 21 years Managing Director of Carter & Co., London and a respected international authority on mostic conservation. Private cremation, Remity Inverse only please but densitiens if desired to West Sussex Machillan Service. A Memorial Service will be announced later. IN MEMORIAM - WAR

POWELL - On October 29th 1990, at his home, Methwold, Norfolk, Brintey Herbert. Service at Minthly Cremetorium, King's Lynn, Monday November 5th at 11.30 are. No flowers please but if wished donations to the R.N.L.1. Incidental In protein memory of Squadrum Leader-Archie McKeller. D.S.O. D.F.C. and Bar. one of the gradual of The Few, who died on the morning of 1st flowenhor 1940. when leading 605 (County of Warwick) Squadrum in the battle of Enthal. He gave his judge, that we might have bur tomorrow. R.N.L.I.

POWER - On October 30th 1990, snokenby at home in Ringwood, Hampahira. Angela, the Very Joved wife of George F.C. McL. Power, mother of Bridle, Sheens and Louisa, stepnother of David and Peter and a dearly Joved grandmother and mother-in-law. Funeral Service at Milliord Parish Church on Tuesday November 6th at 2 pm., followed by burial in the Churchyard. Family flowers only, donations for the R.A.F. Benevotent Fund 'Reach for the Sicy' Appeal may be sent to Barrow Bros. Funeral Directors, 2 Nurvey Road, Ringwood. IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE Willer Amelia Anne and William Robert With love for all the years. C.P.J.R. NNOUNCEMENTS WE CAN HELP

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Black hole comes down to Earth

stronomers have found more evidence that a gigan-Atic black hole, perhaps a million times as big as the Sun, may lark in the centre of our galaxy. In today's issue of Nature magazine, Dr Fahad Yusef-Zadeh, of Northwestern university in Evanston, Illinois, and colleagues in California and Australia suggest that new radio observations of the galactic heart may reveal the presence of a black hole.

When an ordinary star such as the Sun exhausts its nuclear fuel, these nuclear reactions can no longer withstand the force of gravity and the star collapses to become a dense "white dwarf" star, about the size of Earth.

Larger stars condense past this stage to super-dense neutron stars when their radiation can no longer resist the inexorable pull of gravity. The matter in neutron stars, only a few miles across, is so tightly compacted that a thimbleful is as massive as the Earth. Some theories, however, predict that really massive stars can collapse without limit to form infinitely dense, compact objects called black holes, so massive that not even light can escape their gravitational attraction.

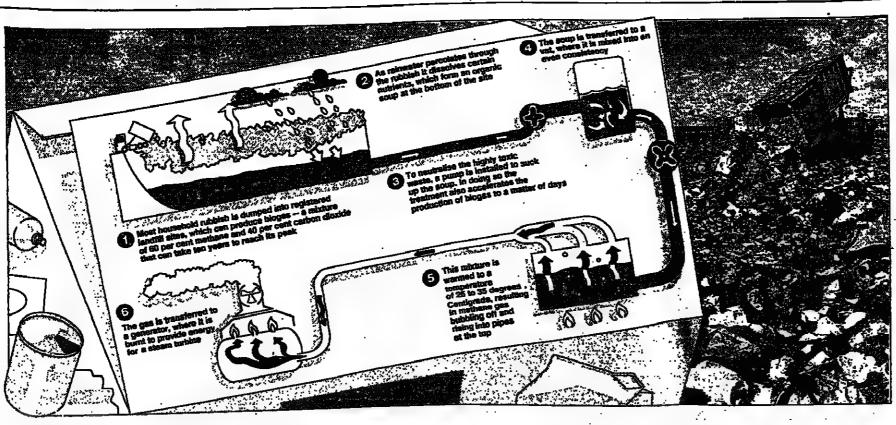
Observations on star movements in the centre of the Andromeda galaxy, a spiral galaxy like our own but larger, suggest that a mass equivalent to 100 million Suns is crammed into the central five or six light years. If this is not a black hole, it is hard to imagine what it could be. Evidence for a central black hole in our own galaxy, however, has been circumstantial and ambiguous. It is known that the galactic centre is occupied by a source of radio emissions called Sgr A*. The motion of stars and gas around it seems to indicate the presence of an enormous black hole.

Dr Yusef-Zadeh's team has made observations of extremely high precision on radio sources clustered closely around Sgr A* These radio sources may represent heat-emitting blobs of super-

heated gas, or plasma. The distribution of these blobs. only a few light weeks away from the centre, might give further clues about the behaviour of a central black hole, if one exists.

Astronomers will have to watch the plasma blobs for about another ten years to be sure that any movements are symptomatic of the presence of a black hole.

> HENRY GEE Nature Times News Service 1990



Free energy in your dustbin

very week Britain produces an average of nearly 500,000 tons of domestic rubbish. It is not a subject most people want to dwell on, and once the dustbin bags are deposited outside to be taken away by the dustmen, that is the end of the

But every sackful of household rubbish we put out to be collected can be thought of as a packet of potential energy which may one day produce the gas to power a generator that will, in turn, produce electricity for our homes

More than 90 per cent of the rubbish from our towns and cities is dumped and compacted in holes in the ground at registered landfill sites. But such sites can produce large quantities of "biogas" - a mixture of 60 per cent methane and 40 per cent carbon dioxide — as the biodegradable fraction of the rubbish slowly rots.

Certain naturally occurring bacteria thrive deep within the tip where there is no oxygen available. Under these so-called anaerobic conditions the bacteria digest the waste, producing biogas as a natural by-product. How can this natural gas resource be most effectively and safely harnessed as both a heat source and fuel for gaspowerd electricty generators?

Britain already has a modest 18

megawatts of electricity genera-tion capacity fuelled by landfill gas

Scientists say that a council refuse tip can produce enough methane gas to generate electricity for 600 homes, Mike Hurrell reports

 enough to supply a small town.
 But this is expected to increase dramatically over the next few years. The great attraction is that it is free fuel and the bulk of the rotting waste needed to satisfy potential landfill gas demand for the next ten years is already in the

department announced which non-fossil fuel power generating schemes the electricity industry would be obliged to buy electricity from after it is privatised. More than 30 per cent went to landfill gas sites. Last month, National Power announced plans to invest £150 million over the next decade on power stations fuelled by domestic and industrial rubbish.

The largest landfill site in western Europe is at Brogborough, Bedfordshire, which takes more than 10,000 tons of rubbish a day. There, the waste management contractor Shanks McEwan is investing £8 million to have plant capable of generating 14 mega-watts of electricity running by 1993, enough to power a town of 30,000 people. It expects the site to produce gas to generate power at this level for up to 30 years.

A recent study for the energy

department's Energy Technology Support Unit (ETSU) estimates the national landfill gas resource to be equivalent to more than three million tons of coal. And worldwide, ETSU believes landfill gas might eventually contribute more than 25 times that amount enough to satisfy the total energy needs of a country the size of

Sweden or Turkey. But landfill gas is also a potentially hazardous by-product. It first achieved public notoriety in the mid Eighties, when a bungalow close to a landfill site at Loscoe in Derbyshire was destroyed in an explosion caused by ignition of methane gas which had seeped from the site and accu-

Today, methane is under the spotlight as an environmental menace because it is 27 times more potent than CO2 as a greenhouse gas. If the world's landfills were allowed simply to vent their methane to the atmosphere, it is estimated that it would contribute the equivalent of one billion tons of CO2 to the house problem.

An accelerated British research effort into the safe exploitation of landfill gas - to the point where

potential environmental hazard If the base and sides of a landfill site are not sealed properly, this highly toxic liquid can seep out this country is now one of the and contaminate groundwater This year Friends of the Earth three", along with the United States and West Germany - has

leaked confidential government research showing that this has been identified as a potential problem at as many as 100 sites

"Our initial interest was to reduce the pollution potential of the leachate," explains Dr Chris Young of the WRC. "The fact that methane was produced by the anaerobic route has turned out to

be a useful by-product."

In the WRC study, leachate is pumped from the landfill to the macrobic digestor's large scaled vat and warmed to a temperature of around 25°C. Under these conditions, the leachate can produce double its own volume of methane in two days.

A fully-developed average-sized county council landfill might produce 100 cubic metres of leachate each day. According to Dr Young. (WRC) began trials two months ago on a pilot unit to neutralise the liquid "soup", or leachate, that all anaerobic digestion of this in a plant like the one undergoing trials could produce enough methane to power a 1 megawatt generator which could provide electricity for 600 homes, while the largest sites could support a generator six times that uve.

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Enter the wireless office

y the mid-Nineties we are B promised the beginning of an era of cheap mobile communications in which owning a mobile telephone will no longer

be the province of the executive. People have been prepared to pay more for the convenience of mobile telephones, faxes and modems to connect laptop computers back to base from a car. But some portable computers have become powerful and cheap enough to be chosen for use on a desktop just because they look better and take up less room. Rarely, if ever, will they be used on on the move.

If mobile "wireless" communications become cheap enough, there will clearly be a demand to use them within an ordinary office purely to remove the clutter of wires and the need to think twice before moving people and equip-ment. This is the thinking behind plans for a new microwave-based system in which terminals and other electronic equipment can be sited anywhere in an office, with no need to be linked with a maze

Last week, Motorola announced just such a system, the Wireless In-building Network (WIN), which will use low powered and very high frequency radio signals that can carry large amounts of information around a building and work at about 20 times the speed of the current cellular

The signals can be received and transmitted by a box that is only four inches long and the company promises that the cost of such wireless networks will be comparable with a cable-based local mea network.

The first product, effectively a wireless local area network, operates at a respectable 15 million bits per second and will exchange information between personal computers.

It will go on sale next spring in the United States, where the authorities have given the goahead for the use of low power radio communications using this frequency inside buildings. It is applying for the use of the radio frequencies in other countries and is currently in discussion with Britain's trade and industry department.

Motorola also has ambitious plans for a network of satellites that would enable calls to be made from a mobile telephone virtually anywhere in the world.

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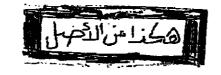
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Radar dowser seeks profits in the pipeline

unusual sight during the summer - a man pushing up and down Manhattan what appears to be a lawnmower with a television perched on its handles. He is not a demented gardener: the machine is a sophisticated radar device and the man Malcolm Brown writes is searching for buried pipes. The radar does the probing and displays its findings

The public companies which own the pipes know, of course, where they are buried. The idea is to see whether the radar – known as a ground probing radar (GPR) - can pinpoint them accurately. So far, says Dr Richard Chignell, the Surrey physicist who has been developing the device, the machine has a percentage success rate in the high

GPR is different from the traditional radar which locates and calculates the distance of an object, usually a ship or an aircraft, by bouncing electromagnetic waves off it and timing their return. If one simply took a conventional radar and turned it upside down to look into the earth, the results would be very disappointing Dr Chignell says.

Sub-surface objects would not be discernable because they would be masked by the massive reflection from the Earth's surface. Added to that, the Earth is made up of very absorbent material which drains energy from the radiation as it passes through to find the

Ground probing radar overcomes this by using high-speed electronics to sepaA probe invented to find mines in the Falklands

has won American funds,

rate in time the two signals, one from the

air-ground interface and one from the The development of GPR was given

impetus by the Falklands conflict. Dr Chignell, who had been involved in research on GPR in a desultory way in the early Eighties, suddenly found himself catapulted to prominence when, in 1984, he became the leader of a research project, funded by the Ministry of Defence, aimed at seeing whether it was possible to find the plastic mines left by the Argentinians. Metallic mines are easy to find with metal detectors. Modern armies have, therefore, turned to plastics which are invisible to conventional detectors. There were about 20,000 mines of nine different kinds laid in 115 minefields on the Falklands. Dr Chignell went to the islands to

collect data on the mines, using the radar to build up a cross-section of each mine type. In the final trials, carried out in the Scottish borders in April 1986, the radar had 100 per cent success.

Dr Chignell submitted plans, for clearance of the Falklands but two weeks later his champion, the secretary of state for defence, Michael Heseltine, resented. This effectively killed the project. Dr Chignell, who was at the time working for ERA Technology - formerly the Electrical Research Association - decided to go it alone. In January 1987 he started EMRAD, based at Surrey university's science park, to develop the technology for civilian use.

If the radar could be taught to "see" buried plastic mines on the Falklands it could equally well be trained to detect objects such as plastic gas pipes, clay sewers, the different strata of materials such as the earth, concrete and bitumen used to build roads.

Scientists in America and Japan are also working on GPR and, in Britain, British Gas is testing a pipe locating system. All the experts agree that the greatest problem for GPR is to locate objects in clay, which absorbs a great deal of the radiation. Dr Chignell, whose company employs seven people who works from a small starter unit on the Surrey university's research park, says he has overcome this difficulty. EMRAD's first product, a plastic pipe

location device, is being funded by Americans, and will be sold there. The rader has been on trial in the US for 18 months and spent most of the summer in New York. Dr Chignell expects to build 50 machines, costing about £16,000, for the United States next year but believes the ground probing radar market is no different from the air radar market, "I see a potential for everything from simple hand-held radars that are equivalent to the sort of thing you put on your weekend boat, through to sophisticated military systems," he says.



Divine invention: Dr Ckigwell and his ground probe

Beetles make rainforest record

must have had an inordinate taste for beetles. There are 9,000 species of bird in the world and 4,000 mammals, but the known beetle species already total 350,000 and that is certainly a gross underestimate.

A new field study centre ng built in the tropical rainforest of Brunei is certain to add to those numbers. The Royal Geographical Society and the University of Brunei recently signed an agreement to set up the centre in unspoilt rainforest in Temburong

Prebble, the project's administrator, leaves Britain for Brunei to start setting up the centre, which will be used by more than 50 scientists led by Lord Cranbrook, a biologist,

Brunei is to be invaded by scientists on the lookout for wildlife success stories

the rainforest have been

identified and named. The

old urge to list and catalogue

the species which motivated

Victorian collectors has given

way to a different emphasis,

that of understanding how

they relate to one another and

Nick Mawdsley, of the

Natural History Museum, will

be examining how insect species change from tree to tree,

and Ruth Levy, of St Cross

College Oxford, will be look-

ing at ants.

The government of Brunei

sees the new study centre as a

in a 15-month programme of more than about one fifteenth work due to start in January of the plants and creatures of They will find all the beetles

they could possibly want. During a recent visit to Brunei, Nigel Stork, of the Natural History Museum, one of the project's scientific supervisors, discovered 400 species of beetle in just one tree. Research suggests that the

canopy of each species of tropical tree contains 100 to This weekend Catriona 200 species of beetle peculiar to it. With 50,000 species of tropical tree, that gives a total of between five and ten million species of canopy beetle

wooden buildings containing a laboratory and computer room, a mess, and accom-

Up to 35 scientists will be able to live there at any time. The site is about two hours from the town of Banga by road and longboat, but the rainforest is pristine. "There are not many rainforests in the world left like that," Ms Prebble says.

The money for the buildings comes from Brunei, while the expedition is being supported by corporate sponsors. Of the £480,000 needed, £150,000 has been found from GreenCard Charitable Trust, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Royal Brunei Airlines, with the rest still to be raised.

NIGEL HAWKES

Third world offers cheap expert staff

which have an abundance of qualified employment prospects, are panies that want to reduce IT against the savings." expenditure and staff costs.

This trend will put further pressure on the jobs market, as tise to British companies.

many large businesses, from immediately and the rest after London Underground to 12 months if the job still Britannia Building Society, exists, John Gorman, the are having systems developed at a hefty discount to the cost of British competitors. Eygpt is the latest country to have been selected for offshore

Credit Suisse bank, for example, has announced plans to create a technical facility in Egypt to undertake software dev-A number of areas were examined tries in southern

Europe. The north African state was selected as it offered an excess supply of and expects to employ more technically qualified graduates than 100 staff by 1992. and an open-door policy to-

wards foreign investment. Eastern bloc countries are also seeking to capitalise on the trend. Hungary is keen to promote itself to British companies. Ervin Kovacs, the director of the Hungarian state-owned software house Szamalk, says there are about 20,000 information technology staff in Hungary keen to offer their services abroad in

exchange for foreign currency. Computer services companies are open to the proposal as they seek to become more profitable in the face of the UK downturn. "There is an increasing need to examine these opportunities and, rather than just Hungary, there is also Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR also has potential," Tony Lewis, a director of the Computing Services Association, says.

"But it is a slow process and firms have to become familiar with the idea. Systems specifications have to be done

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graduates but restricted over here for the coding to take place offshore. Firms offering systems development have to weigh the cost of at lower rates to British com- developing the specification

Closer to home, Ireland is emerging as another alternative to developing systems more British firms take in-house. Companies are advantage of the offshore attracted by many factors, capabilities being offered by including the financial inducesome countries. Eastern Euroments the government is offerments the government is offerpean and African companies ing. Companies are liable only are joining places such as for 10 per cent corporate tax India in providing local exper-until 2010 and are paid £6,000 to £10,000 per job created, India has given the lead as with half the fee payable director of the Irish Industrial Development Authority (IDA), says.

The IDA estimates there are 300 IT companies in Ireland. systems development. The Salaries for IT staff are about London-based subsidiary of 20 per cent lower than in the Salaries for IT staff are about rents are much

Egypt is the cheaper. Norwich Union, latest place Oracle and Electo have been tronic Data Systems are some of Dicked for the companies to have announced systems plans to open softincluding coun- development ware development

centres there. ICL has a software development centre in Dublin than 100 staff by 1992.

Many firms also see the move as one of the most effective means of overcoming the problem of declining numbers of school leavers and graduates in the United Kingdom. Most large American computer manufacturers have plants in Ireland and are heavily involved in research and development. They are increasingly taking on original design projects, as opposed to assembling systems designed in the United States.

These developments are increasing the opportunities for engineers and scientists as well as software engineers. Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) has been in Ireland for 20 years and employs more than 1,700 staff at its three manufacturing and software development centres. DEC is hiring scientists in diverse areas such as thermal dynamics as it expands its engineering design operations.

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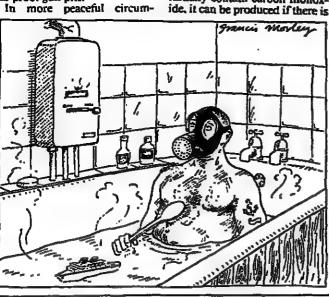
MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

B efore North Sea gas, which is free of carbon monoxide, replaced coal gas, poisoning by gas was both a favoured means of committing suicide and a frequent cause of accidental death. Even now, more than 1.000 deaths a year in England and Wales are caused by carbon monoxide poisoning Carbon monoxide is colourless, tasteless, non-irritating, and, when pure, odourless. Poisoning from the gas is ubiquitous, with cases occurring in the factory, in the home, in young people's ramshackle flats, possibly even in the army. Now that British soldiers are preparing again for gas warfare, they should remember that one of the more remote hazards of the first world war was the accumulated carbon monoxide fumes from the rapid firing of Lewis machine guns in gas-proof gun pits.

Dose of blocked

stances, night watchmen who take their braziers into their huts, and drivers of old bangers with leaking exhausts, are muchquoted victims. In reality, the danger is much more important to the tens of thousands of householders who daily risk their sanity and lives by using casually installed, and badly maintained, gas appliances.

Few people realise that, although North Sea gas does not initially contain carbon monoxide, it can be produced if there is



dition were, despite periodic admissions to hospital, attributed to minor strokes. The true cause was realised only when 12 members of the family were discovered scattered around the house, suffering from varying depths of unconsciousness. Most cases of chronic poison-

ing will, it is hoped, be diagnosed before the patient turns salmon pink and lapses into un-consciousness. Minor degrees of carbon monoxide poisoning provide a wide variety of vague symptoms: headaches, muscle weakness, dizziness, breathlessness, and an intellectual deterioration accompanied by a poor

incomplete combustion. This

can arise when an appliance is

poorly maintained or its air

supply is restricted; for example,

when someone soaks in a hot bath fed by a gas geyser, and with the bathroom ventilation hole stuffed with an old towel, or when they sit by blazing gas logs in a room that has had all

A report in the British Medical

Journal by doctors Rudy Craw-

ford, David Campbell and John Ross, from Aberdeen, reminds

doctors of the dangers of carbon

monoxide poisoning, and the difficulties its diagnosis can

cause. The doctors quote the

plight of an Aberdeenshire fam-

ily who had a badly installed and

A grandmother, aged 84, was

the first to suffer. Her repeated

lapses into unconsciousness and

her deteriorating mental con-

under-maintained gas boiler.

draughts excluded.

A clue to inadequate combustion may be given if an appliance has a floppy, yellow flame as a result of a blocked flue or an

Season of exotic danger

Cattered among the deni-zens of the waiting room at a sexually transmitted disease clinic there are always a few well tanned faces. In the summer they belong to returning holidaymakers from the Mediterranean. but by the autumn a change can be noticed and the sunburnt are obviously more opulent than is the average inner city patient. The season of trips to exotic places has begun and the casualties of the night life are trickling

Dr C.J. Ellis, a consultant in Birmingham, has written to the British Medical Journal to point out the relative risks of catching Aids while on holiday abroad. By the end of last August, more than three times as many people had caught Aids from heterosexual sex while overseas than in this country. This year, an overseas traveller is ten times more likely to die of Aids caught abroad than from malaria.

These figures are only a fraction of those who will have caught HIV, and who will later succumb to Aids. The situation can only get worse. Bangkok and Rio de Janeiro, and the other sex cities of the Far East and South America, are now prepared to acknowledge there is a problem. and that the epidemic already apocalyptic in Africa is spread-

Dr Ellis estimates that the casual sexual partners of some of his patients who undertake short contracts in African countries

have a 50 per cent chance of being HIV positive. He adds another dire warning: many European cities have more cases of Aids than we do.

The cheerful holidaymakers returning from Spain may soon start to be victims of a disease more sinister than the usual non-



Taking the water

The Prince of Wales, in taking the waters at Glastonbury at the weekend, was embracing a custom popular in the 18th and parts of the 19th centuries. At that time, the rich were able to afford spa treatment and to follow the strict regimen at Bath, Harrogate, Droitwich or Buxton. A rest from 100 much food and drink, unremitting parties and strange women doubtless improved their physique, and the exercise time in the pool was a valuable means of loosening stiffened



joints; but the water they drank, if it was ingestible, was quite valueless except for a slight laxative quality. At Droitwich, the water is similar to that of the brine in the Dead Sea and undrinkable. Water has been drunk from time to time from holy wells at Glastonbury, Walsingham and a host of other places of pilgrimage, but the restorative power of these waters, if any, is mystical rather than medical. Dr John Popert, a rheumatologist in the Worcester and Droitwich area, said: "No medical virtue has ever been shown in drinking strange waters and Droitwich water would choke anybody. The value of spa treatments lies in the physiotherapy and hydrotherapy they provide. Droitwich pool is filled with brine from 200ft below which is so strong that it supports the patient. It is warm, so the patient has supported exercise therapy and heat treatment all at the same time."

Beware of the bull?

More people are giving up meat for

health reasons. Can we really live without it, should we?

Ann Kent reports meat

ways been another man's poison. In the past, most vegetarians turned their back on animal products for moral reasons: they believed that taking life in order to eat was cruel and unnecessary. But a more self-interested group is joining the vegetarian ranks.

Their dietary change has been prompted by lears for their own welfare, fuelled by reports about antibiotic and pesticide residues in meat and the possibility of catching bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The new, selfish vegetarian may also believe that eating meat will contribute to the risk of heart disease and

In a Gallup poll published last April, 43 per cent of those questioned claimed to have reduced their meat consumption. Ten per cent said they were now either vegetarian or were avoiding red meat. The poll was carried out in January, just before a BSE

According to Greg Sams, the inventor of the Vegeburger, who commissioned the Gallup poll: "In the past, people were vegetarians because they disliked the killing of animals. The trend has now moved towards self-interest. People feel healthier when they give up meat - they have more energy, sleep better, have less

Surveys similar to Gallup's have been conducted since 1984, but this was the first to cite health as the main reason for the abandonment of meat eating.

The public perception that ment is bad for you has damaged both farmers and butchers. Red meats, particularly lamb and beef, are continuing to decline in popularity, while there is a big increase in the consumption of poultry. But are the fears of the selfish vegetarian justified, and is his or her diet really healthier? A report from the Meat and

Livestock Commission and the Health Education Authority (HEA) points out that poultry eaten with the akin on contains two or three times as much fat as lean red meat. The report, "Meat, high nutrient content of red meat - particularly in the form of protein, the B vitamins, iron and. other trace elements - and is particularly concerned to correct any impression that red meat is intrinsically high in fat. Pork, regarded by many people as a fatty meat, has the lowest fat content of the red meats, and the lowest proportion of saturated fats.



middle of a £1.3 million "Meat to Live" advertising campaign, which stresses that meat is a rich source of iron, the mineral essential for fitness and energy. Nevertheless, a number of stud-

ies examining the health of vegetarians suggest they have lower blood cholesterol levels, suffer less heart disease and are less likely to succumb to cancer

But Anne Heughan, a nutrition-ist with the Coronary Prevention Group, says the health of a vegetarian depends very much on what type of vegetarian he or she is. "If vegetarians are eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and lots of whole grain foods, their diet may well be healthier than average, provided their diet does not depend too much on cheese and milk, which are high in fat. We know that the antioxidants in vegetables have beneficial effects terms of avoiding cancer and

The problem with the research work which have nothing to do with the diet. For example, anyone who takes the trouble to be a vegetarian may be the type of person who is generally more health conscious, more likely to exercise, less likely to smoke."

Although British heart disease rates are high, we do not eat vast amounts of meat compared with other nations. According to "Meat, Diet and Health", the average Briton eats about 25 per cent less meat than a Frenchi German or Dane and about 30 per cent less than an American.

Nevertheless, Caroline Hurren, the nutrition officer with the HEA, believes that we eat too much meat, and that meat is not an essential part of the diet. But she adds: "If you give it up, you have to think about how to replace the missing nutrients. Because mest is such an important source of protein, iron, zinc and the B vitamins, we would advise people to keep it in their diets, but to trim the fat off or buy leaner cuts."

Roger Whitehead, the director of the Medical Research Council's Donn Nutrition Unit, says that people who cut out meat risk a deficiency in a number of micronutrients, particularly iron. A mixed diet that includes meat is the biological norm" for mankind, and ideally one meal ning red meat should be eaten every day.

"If we had a large number of people moving towards vegetarianism without giving care and attention to their diet, we could expect a rise in nutritional disorders such as anaemia and zinc and magnesium deficiency," Dr

Whitehead says.

Professor Michael Crawford,
the director of the Institute of

London, believes that the ideal diet would be similar to that eaten in Japan and Mediterranean countries, containing much more fish, cereals and vegetables than is consumed in Britain, but still including meat. "The Japanese have the highest longevity in the world, and they also look younger than westerners, while heart disease rates are much lower in Mediterrancan countries," he says.

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Many people appear to be substituting fish for red meat in their diet. According to the Sea Fish Industry Authority, fish consumption has been increasing steadily over the past three years. Fish is an excellent source of easily digested animal protein, and it is rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids, which are said to give protection against heart disease. although generally in lower quantities than red meat.

Concerns about meat provide opportunities for retailers who are prepared to move with the times. Michael Wilby, a butcher in the market town of Diss in Norfolk. offers customers a range of lean meats, including low-fat, homemade sausages and beefburgers. We are able to tell our customers where we get the meat, show them what it looks like on the bone, and talk-about the safety aspects," he says. "If butchers are struggling, it is because they are not changing with the market."

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Acupuncture

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ACUPUNCTURE has come a long way since the days of yin and yang in ancient China. This week it arrived at the sharp end of Harley Street. The British Medical Acu-

puncture Society was celebrating its tenth anniversary there amid a warm glow of respectability. There was even a hint of scientific credibility. While anybody can put up a

brass nameplate and start iabbing with disposable necdles costing £8 per 100, the clinically clean. Its 650 members are all medically qualified doctors, dentists, or in a few cases, veterinary surgeons. They hold scientific meetings, encourage research, organise training courses and publish their own journal twice a year, But, to their chagrin, they also are rather lost in a haystack of thousands of other practitioners with less than perfect

pedigrees.
"We are opposed to unfounded therapeutic claims for acupuncture and the prac-

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Yin and yang have lost their point tice of it by people tacking a us believe in yin and yang any however, that the meridians medical background," says Dr more, if we ever did," says Dr are closely related to the

medical background," says Dr Paul Marcus, the chairman of the society. "In Britain, unlike most other European countries, anyone can set up as an acupuncturist. We believe it is time for stricter controls." He says acupuncture should

be carried out only by, or under the close supervision of, medically qualified practitioners who are accountable to the General Medical Council. This would open them to disciplinary proceedings. The ists to have professional training in anatomy and physiology, and the ability to diagnose and treat diseases undertake not to use acupuncture in the treatment of a cer, for which it has no benefit

Without such controls, the unsuspecting patient may become a pincushion, paying about £25 for a session that may do nothing more than improve a charlatan's target practice. Dr Marcus recalls an outbreak of servic arthritis in a group of elderly patients who had shared not only the same acupuncturist, but the same

Although aconomicture has been used for at least 5,000 years, its practitioners still cam for a scientific embrace. To win it, they may have to find a better explanation for the original Chinese concept on which their discipline is founded. This holds that imaginary lines called meridians link the body's surface with the internal organs. Along these lines are about acupuncture points. Needles inserted into them can reach the body's negative

and positive forces, yin and

rheumatologist and member of the society. "Acupuncture does have a scientific basis. The trouble is getting well-

structure of the central nervous system, Dr Liyanage

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says. "And it deserves a place alongside conventional west-

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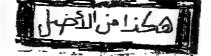
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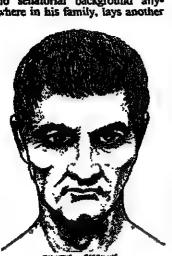
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Titter ye not, O Aves Spinae

A CLASSICAL education, as everyone knows, equips you for anything. Indeed, one 19th-century doctor argued that reciting Demosthenes was a splendid means of strengthening the chest. Readers of *The First Man in* Rome, however, will need more than rock-hard pectorals to grapple with Thorn Birds McCullough's new 800-page blockborer. While a small hoist could come in handy simply to negotiate the pages (the book is almost cubic), nothing less than a serious piece of prose-moving equipment is needed to get brough the story.

McCullough's tale spans the Rome of 110-100BC, when the hick from the sticks, Marius, with no senatorial background anywhere in his family, lays another



axe to the roots of the republican system that had sustained that extraordinary city for some 400 years. First, he encouraged in his army a new intensity of loyalty to its general, rather than the state: and second, he tore up the constitution by allowing himself to be appointed consul no fewer than seven times, five of those in succession. Historians argue about the precise importance of Marius' life. But he unquestionably reinforced those precedents that ultimately generated Pompey, Crassus, and Cae-

sar, the dynasis who, by turning the Republic into an arena in which to fulfil their own personal ambitions, destroyed it, and paved the way for the principate, rule by one man, the princeps — Augustus. Many a fledgeling African state can tell a similar story. Now this is a steaming kedgeree of Roman politics

not to mention the fact that everyone seems to be called Publius, Marcus, Claudius normal circumstances this would not matter. The problem is not so much that Ms McCullough has fallen honelessly in love with it all (quite right too), and plans no lewer than four more volumes in which to take the story from Marius down to Augustus (nor even that the man on the front cover looks like Frankie Howerd): it is that she is quite bereft of cultural imagination.

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HISTORICALS

Peter Jones

THE FIRST MAN IN ROME By Colleen McCullough Century, £14.95

Here the Numidian leader. Jugurtha, who had already spent some years in Rome, is led through the Forum to be incarcerated and die. "At last he would see it, the centre of the world, just as in the olden days the Acropolis had been the centre of the world [I suppose she means Athens, but perhaps an African potentate would not know the difference]. And then he set eyes on it, the Forum Romanum [why the Latin?], and was hugely disappointed. The buildings were line and old, and they didn't face a logical way, for they were all skewed to the north, where the Forum itself was oriented northwest to southeast; the overall effect was slipshod, and the whole place wore an air of dilapida-tion ... little round temple of Vesta (pretty) ... lofty temple of Castor and Pollux ... Doric austerity of the temple of Saturn."

IT IS clear what has happened. Ms McCullough has a huge box-file labelled "Forum", and she is not going to discard one word of it. The fact that Jugurtha must have seen the Forum hundreds of times, let alone the likelihood of a man in his position essaying a brief architectural critique at this of all moments, is irrelevant. Unable to absorb information about the past into her creative imagination, McCullough resorts instead to dumping inert sack-loads of it over the plot; and so laboured is her handling of storyline, that characters are forced into propping up the action by writing long letters to each other that read like rather ill-digested sixth-form ancient history essays. But filingcabinets are not literature. The 100-page index that accompanies

the work, with its glossary of technical terms, maps. and guides to pronunciation (pilum: pee-loom) reinforces the point. This, she says, is evidence of ber "scholarship"; who cares about her "scholar-ship"? She is writing a novel, not a lext-book (and she thinks that a fellator inumates and vice-versa, which does not

confidence in her

"scholarship" either). The whole book, in fact, reads like a massive Latin primer in the slaves, put on their togas, go into the Forum, admire the baths, hear the poets, and visit the gardens, while the queen sends the letters. Given its complexity, it must say something for McCullough that she staggers through the story at all; and her desire to get the "facts" right is commendable. But her cultural imagination is sterile, and the finished product a dead weight.

LUTATIUS



John Updike, Homer of the anget and absurd confusions and sad heroism of the middling American hero of our middling times

Jown the rabbit-hole

hat the hell, we're all just human, bodies with brains at one end and the rest just dumbing." Ah, but such plumbing. One of the peculiar pleasures of this fat blue tome, the final instalment in John Updike's Rahbit quartet, is the gloopy relish with which the author treats the squeichily biological side of life.
And that doesn't just mean sex.
Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, exbasketball hero, semi-retired
Toyota salesman, and overweight
amateur golfer, is fading; his
plumbing is spectacularly shot to
pieces. While plenty of authors
posite incipiesty about the heart write incisively about the heart, few actually get stuck in there with a scalpel. Here, Rabbit's "heart" is no knot of slushy emotions, but a gunged-up muscle that throbs like

lifeblood pumping gloriously. Rabbit's insides are "like the sea to him, dark and wet and full of things he doesn't want to think American Ulysses, his day-to-day life a tricky voyage over the hostile waters of his own body. Beside this grand struggle, the main "action" of the novel - the exposure and straightening out of Rabbit's junkie son, Nelson, and (even harder) the entertainment of his grandchildren - at first seems marginal. Yet, as Updike gently

weaves his (utterly convincing)

fiction into the (curiously unreal)

twitching fist, and his dance to

its desperate beat keeps the novel's

Michael Wright in the warren of dark symbolism of an American Odysseus

warp of the Eighties, a telling pattern emerges. Nelson's cocaine, addiction drains the family, business and additional patterns of the second ness of capital, Rabbit's addiction to sodium-loaded munchies drains his vital organ of life, and the folly of both Angstroms provides a metaphor for the Eighties themselves: Everything falling apart, airplanes, bridges, eight years under

RABBIT AT REST body minding By John Updike André Deutsch, £14.99 the store, making money out ig in God."

Rabbit, like America, suffers, not just from a dicky ticker, but from chronic hubris. Signing a cheque in Valhalla Viltage, "he feels like a god casually despatching thunderbolts". So perhaps we should see him as a crumbly Either way, he is a splendidly vivid protagonist, a wheezy old set of bagpipes still grinding out a tune, and brimming with such palpable life that new readers need have no fear of feeling alienated.

The present-tense parrative is dense but easy-going. Spattered with dollops of stream-ofconsciousness, the quirky sensuality of the language (to say nothing of the growly chauvinistic generalisations he makes) alerts us to the fact that we are seeing the world largely through Rabbit's eyes. This is fun, since Updike has endowed the old rogue with a faux-poetic talent for expressing his singular observations, which are at once acute and obtuse; a nurse, for example, has hair "like oodles of black noodles or packets of small firecrackers".

Gradually, as

the narrative

imagery and sensual demils seem to lose some of their vitality. but criticism is largely disarmed by Rabbit's admission that "ever since they poked that catheter in. there's been something drained about his emotional responses". "That catheter" was inserted into his groin and steered up

various tubes, before being inflated near his heart to crack away some of the plaque on his plumbing. Ugh. Rabbit is invited to watch the sickening process on a television screen, in a light parody of the invasive sensationalism of television. He himself is hooked on the media, and when his wife comes to discuss their son's crisis, he would prefer to watch the box. "Somehow he can't believe that

ranks with the national news."-Updike must have worked fast

because his references to films and factual events are surprisingly up to date, making the novel's satire doubly dark, glittering and abra-sive, like a sheet of coarse-grained emery paper. The Lockerbie disaster, for example, with its bodies "tumbling down like wet running through the novel, filling Rabbit with morbid curiosity. He knows that he himself is "falling, helplessly falling lowards death and a sense of doom hangs over him from the outset, when he stands in the "crypt-like" terminal of a Floride airport. So when. finally, he is close to death, there is a cool propriety in the circular desk of the intensive care unit being "like an airport control tower". The novel brims with cyclic processes, from the exquisite descriptions of the effects of the seasons to the wheeling of the planets in their spheres. Doom is tinged with optimism. The carnal rubs shoulders with the

cosmic, and it works. Like Mr Shimada, the Toyota bigwig who finally comes to withdraw the franchise from the family car business, the novel is like a bean-bag filled to the corners with buckshot. It may be tightly packed, but it's surprisingly comfortable, and a worthy place for Rabbit to come to rest. Rabbit is dead; long live Rabbit.

England seen as bedlam

Hugh Barnes

STARES By Roy Fuller Sinclair-Stephenson, £12.95

ROY FULLER'S Stares, his first novel for 20 years, could hardly be more insubstantial. It tells the story of a handful of eccentrics who suffer mild agonies in the course of rehearsing a play. Only the setting comes as a surprise. The action takes place inside a lunance asylum which has the wispy, unreal quality of abstraction. From the beginning, in fact, the manufacture of the surprise has a surprise to the surprise of the surpris the eponymous hospital resembles one of those literary never-never lands designed to allow fugitives to uncover their true selves. Fuller's characters walk around the grounds, chat about this and that, and bump into each other in upstairs corridors. After 30 or 40 pages of this routine you can't help wondering just who these people are and what, if anything, is going

In many ways, the charm of the novel is that the characters appear to be wondering the same thing. The play's the thing that does the trick. The theatrical germ is brought to the hospital by William Toyne, a second-rate actor who conceives a plan to produce The Seaguil, casting his fellow-patients in the various roles. The story of how he ended up at Stares surfaces in flashbacks of a tragic homo-sexual affair. More flashbacks reveal the other case histories in his amateur troupe. The plotting cannot be faulted. Fuller offers a cautionary tale of the insidious dangers of acting, Whereas Che-khov's genius, however, arises from the logic of character, the inhabitants of Stares are no more than their established tics and opinions, oddbail verging on cute, and almost interchangeable.

The conjunction of fictional and real-life characters wreaks havoc on the novel's dialogue. People are forever saying things like "Being here is rather like being in a play". At different times different characters quote different extracts from The Seagul and ask, "Do you believe that?"; at which point, of course, overybody chips in.

What dates the novel a bit is a kind of literary allusiveness. rather herd to justify nowadays. The trouble with novels whose characters discuss other novels, or plays, or poems, is that they run the risk of too much name-dropping Faller cannot stop him-self ticking the register of classic works in which the play-acting motif occurs. So we get tiresome references to Hamlet, Marat-Sade, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Stares is not by any means a satisfying novel, but its flaws are compelling, and it manages to maettle the reader in a way. The relative lack of moral tension should not obscure the fact that Fuller is trying to do something terribly difficult here. He wants us to accept the lunetic asylum as a microcosm of England as a whole, a country in which nobody is well. Uneasy symbolism of this kind works better in poetry than in prose. It may just be that Roy Fuller's novelistic skills are a little rusty after 20 years in which he has confined his output to verse.

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Nightmare of our inferno

Jasper Rees

nice Primo Levi's autobiographical magnum opus, the Nazi death camps have never lost their fictional useful-ness, even, God forbid, providing ballast for Kirk Douglas's recently published bed/gas chamber polboiler. In A Prayer for Katerina Horovitzova, first published in the novelist's native Czech in 1973. Auschwitz survivor Arnost Lustin returns devastatingly to Levi's apocalyptic territory.

The novel has the hard and fast

simplicity of a parable. A young girl arrives with her doomed family at a vast death factory. Katerina Horovitzova is saved by a Jewish-American, who, along with several other affluent businessmen, has fallen into Nazi hands, but is to be shipped home as part of a prisoner exchange. On request she is permitted to accompany them, which has the look of a humanitarian gesture. until it emerges that the Americans' urbane Nazi escort, who regularly demands money from their well-stocked Swiss bank accounts as each new travel complication arises, contrives to profit by her presence, too. Comprehensively fleeced, they end up you know where,
The world Lustig has recreated

is a pure vision of the inferno, in which every detail carries its share of meaning. Katerina herself is an immaculate characterisation of nallid innocence adnift in the dark. though the fact that she is also a dancer, slight but sinuous, a body as well as a soul, gives her a further symbolic dimension. Confined to the passive role of a supplicant while life still beckons, she turns in a compellingly active final performance once it no longer does. Kirk Douglas should stick to the silver screen.

On the Eve of Uncertain Tomorrows, Neil Bissoondath's affecting second collection of short stories, is largely about those who have managed to reach North America. where the new life continues to be perilous, undignified, and not necessarily worth the trip, in the

A PRAYER FOR KATERINA HOROVITZOVA By Arnost Lustig Translated by Jeanne

Nemcová Quartet, £12.95 ON THE EVE OF UNCERTAIN **TOMORROWS** By Neil Bissoondath Bloomshury, £14.99 **DIRTY FAXES** And Other Stories By Audrew Davies

Methuen, £13.99 THE OLD MAN AND MRS SMITH By Peter Ustinov Michael O'Maru, £13.95

title story, a group of refugees wait to learn whether the government will grant them asylum. In "Cracks and Keyholes", an immigrant earns his keep wiping floors and tables in a strip joint. There are several stories that are

not specifically about West Indian Latin American no-hopers creating new space for themselves in Canada, but, even when he tells of a salesman who pathetically takes up smoking to curry favour with a fellow night-class student. Bissoondath's theme is displacement, being on foreign terrain, looking for the exit door from a lonely existence. If his prose tends to be languorous, at times overworked, it is no different from his usually likeable characters.

Andrew Davies's short stories are quite the reverse - terse. abrupt, and more often than not about sex. One's initial impression is that Dirty Faxes and Other Stories betrays a lack of imaginative effort. Several of the short stories are about short story writers, a couple of them reheat screennlays originally delivered to and filmed by the BBC, and another pair behave in the cleverclever manner patented by David Lodge, needlessly turning out to be stories within stories.

But there are gems here, too. most of them reliant for their effects on laughing at other peo-ple's discomfort, be it the impotent despair of the programmer whose computer system has been infected by a raiding virus, or the misery of the scriptwriter who can only research the lot of the tramp by becoming one. The dirty faxes of the title are abusive x-rated messages that anugonistically spew forth into the home of an uptight writer. Davies's own message seems to be that a writer must be anything but uptight, and these bits and pieces of narrative find him on a fitfully entertaining mission to demonstrate how

uptightness can be avoided.
In The Old Man and Mr Smith. God and the Devil pay a visit to Earth to check up on the progress of the human race in the late 20th century. It hardly needs stating that this is a big subject, but if it is worth having Peter Ustinov at the helm, it is because the comic possibilities are as substantial as the philosophical ones. Although they could not be more incompatible. Ustinov attempts them both, and gives himself no choice but to botch the job. His conclusion seems to be that we live in a funny-old world. We do, but Kirk Douglas could have told us that.

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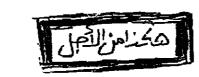
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Backcloth and ashes won't do

cally opposing views of the four-and-a-halfmonth closure of the Barbican Theatre that starts on Saturday. One is that the good ship Royal Shakespeare Company has been sabotaged by a dastardly Arts Council. The other is that its own officers are scuttling her in a crazed display of vindictive defiance. The truth is probably less sensational. Yes, the company has some cause for complaint. No, it surely was not necessary to shutter its London home - and the RSC may be seeking to manipulate public and political opinion by doing so. Thirty years after its creation,

there is no need to justify the RSC either as one of the nation's vital resources or as part of London's cultural geography. The company has had its downs as well as its ups, its Carries and dreary Moscon Golds as well as its Wars of the Roses and Nicholas Nicklebys. 11 has and has not fulfilled its two primary objectives as defined by its departing chief executive, Terry Hands. Over-elaborate direction has sometimes left critics wondering if, as he claims, "the text and the actor are the primary means of communication with the public". But again and again the company has magnificently proved that Shakespeare is the

greatest living playwright".

Moreover, it has nurtured the best and brightest talent: from Judi Dench in the 1960s to John Wood in the 1970s; from Antony Sher in the 1980s to Simon Russell Beale, the star of what is, as it happens, a particularly fine season in Stratford now. But such performers would not have stayed for long with the company if it had not promised them transfers to London. Without a metropolitan base, it cannot groom the major actors of tomorrow,

That is one reason why the RSC cannot retreat permanently to fortress Stratford, as it threatens to do if it does not get a large increase in its grant next year. In any such Doomsday scenario, it would do better to abandon the cosy Cotswolds for London, where the big actors, directors and audiences are, and send its better productions to tour the nation. This is, in fact, an option that the RSC has surreptitiously pondered in the past. But has Doomsday really come? Was it even necessary temporarily to shut the Barbican?

The RSC continues to proclaim to the world that it receives less in state support, both in hard cash and as a percentage of income, than its main rival. It gets £6.05

Chief drama critic **Benedict Nightingale**

asks whether the RSC has adequately

explored the

alternatives to a

damaging absence

from London

million in "base subsidy" to run four theatres in two towns - five, assuming the Other Place re-opens in Stratford next year — while the National gets £8.9 million for three under one roof. Again, the RSC keeps repeating that a Cabinet Office scrutiny of its finances in 1983 described it as underfunded. Where (it obsessively asks) is the extra £5.7 million it would have received if the report's recommendations had been

Well, no doubt the Arts Council should get more from the Treasury, and the RSC more from the

'I could have put on a repertoire of potboilers: we might have got another 10 or 15 per cent at the box office'

TERRY HANDS

Arts Council. But this is Britain in the economically troubled 1990s. not Germany, not Sweden, not even Britain in the 1960s. Any organisation must adapt to Darwinian realities; and if that means the RSC contracting, compromising, or otherwise changing in order to survive at the Barbican, then that is what it must and should have done.

Consider the figures. By keeping the Barbican dark, the RSC says it will save £2.4 million in costs and lose £1.1 million in income. Thus it prevents its deficit rising from £3 to more than £4 million. But this seems based on pessimistic forecasting. If the company achieved the 75 per cent audiences

it did in 1989-90, when it took nearly £4 million at the Barbican more between early November and mid-March than £1.1 million. And if Hands had offered a more popular programme before then, income could - by his own admission - have significantly "I could have put on a rep-

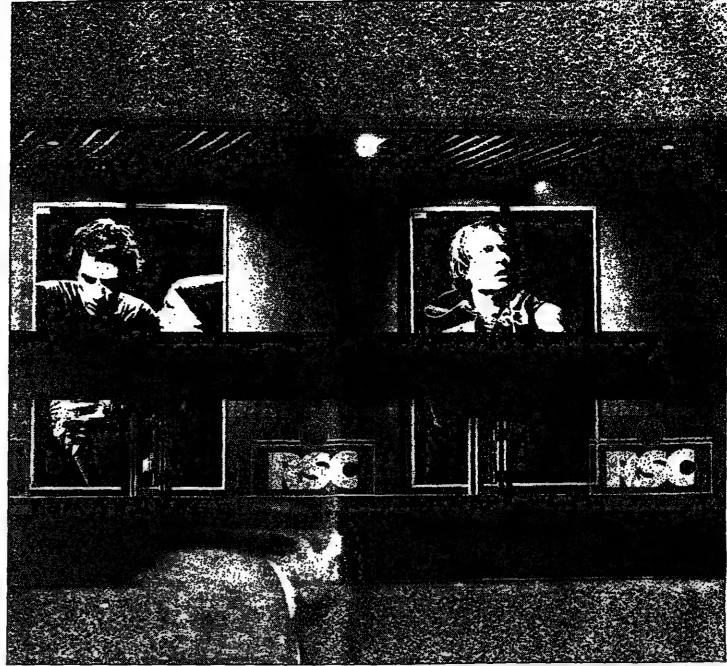
ertoire of potboilers," he said last week. "I could have brought in Donald Sinden in Private Lives, done a musical like Show Boat, and revived my own Much Ado About Nothing or Bill Alexander's Merry Wives of Windsor, and we might have got another 10 or 15 per cent at the box office." Suppose such a season continued through the autumn, and ended with a longish re-run of the RSC's successful Peter Pan or Wizard of Oz. Suppose Hands chose to expose the company's financial problems, and save it an annual £150,000, by closing the Pit, as Peter Hall once closed the Cottesloe. Suddenly the saving made by withdrawing entirely from the Barbican begins to look less impressive.

Instead, the RSC chose to bring to the Barbican and Pit two

revivals and four new plays, among them Brenton and Ali's Moscow Gold, an expensive production of a theatrical tribute to President Gorbachev that has found favour with neither critics nor public. The intention was obviously to signal that there would be no artistic surrender at the RSC. If the company once agreed to become a money-making travesty of itself, the thinking went, it might find itself doomed to remain one. Its paymasters could argue that it survived nicely enough at its present level of subsidy. And better dead than bland; or so the RSC's current philosophy seems to be.

But the dilemma, though real, is not so clear-cut. Moreover, such an argument begs questions. Does temporary compromise ensure permanent compromise - and what is compromise, anyway? The company needs to look hard at its new-play policy, for instance. Politically combative work is not always exciting, challenging work, nor are defiantly uncommercial plays necessarily worthwhile. Witness Moscow Gold or the silly Dream of People, now at the Pit.

Right: percentage increases in the wage bill (top line), and retail price index (middle), related to the RSC's Arts Council subsidy, with 1984/5 as base year



s been at the Barbican since 1982, providing an important part of London's cultural geography

Hands's own recent Coriolanus, with the bankable Charles Dance, was more stimulating than either. The same might even be said for Coward's scurrilous Private Lives,

at least without Joan Collins in it. Adrian Noble, who succeeds Hands next year, believes as

strongly as his predecessors that the company's classic work is invigorated by some immersion in modern plays. But he has inti-mated that he will choose these more carefully. And while he and his colleagues are unlikely to want to make radical changes to a company and repertoire system with proven strengths, they must surely also use their honeymoon period for unromantic self-

Agreed, the RSC's 700-strong force of actors and support-staff is barely larger than in 1983 and has

The Arts Council is now finish-ing a report on the RSC, and no doubt it will address many such questions. For what it is worth, the word is that it is unlikely to be highly critical. But it surely cannot duck certain conclusions. Cuts are painful and usually to be avoided, but they can invariably be made, somewhere. If a company is determined to stay alive, it will do so, somehow. If the RSC wants to remain in London, it will remain

rather more to do. Is there still

room for trimming? Agreed, the company should make full use of

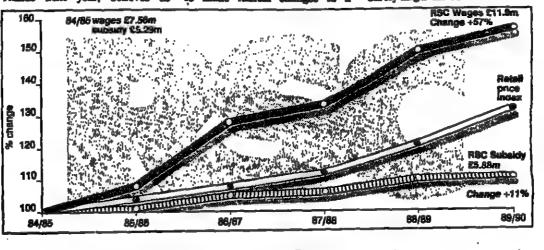
its performers, casting each in as many plays as talent and energy

can manage. Is it really possible to create, revive or sustain 40 good productions a year? Agreed, a budget of £110,000 for a major

show is not big by West End standards — but isn't this a time

when actors rather than decor

should be providing the visual



Three decades of peaks and troughs

Peter Hall takes over as artistic director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratfordupon-Avon. Rebuilds stace. Opens London base at the Aldwych. Expande programme to include new plays and non-Shakespearean classics. Doubles the company's output and company size.

speare Memorial Theatre company becomes the Royal Previously self-supporting operation goes into loss Negotiations begin for subsidy from the Arts Council.

RSC rejects amalgamation with the emergent National Theatre, after three years of private discussions. Hall threatens to leave Aldwych if subsidy is not forthcoming. Twenty-four productions in 12 months include Peter Brook's King Lear, with Paul Scofield.

RSC receives £47,000 from Arts Council: told not to expect future support "at National Theatre level". The Wars of the Roses cycle establishes anti-heroic ensemble style. Hall collapses at rehearsals: carried to Henry VI's funeral bier.

1963-64 Theatre of Cruelty experimental season: includes spectacle of Glenda Jackson stripping naked during sketch comparing Jacqueline Kennedy with 1964

Peter Brook's Maral/Sade. Impresano and RSC governor Emile Littler publicly denounces "dirt plays". 1965 City of London Court of Common Council decides to build theatre,

to be leased to the RSC, in

Plays

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Complete works for piano.&

planned Barbican arts centre: completion expected 1970. Financial crisis: only one new production at Stratford. After troubled start, Trevor Nunn's RSC career blossoms with The Revenger's Tragedy, performed

1967 Hall told opening of Barbican will be delayed until 1972, Resigns. 1968 Trevor Nunn succeeds Hall. Confesses that he cannot read a

balance sheet. Leads company to record deficit. 1969 Acting strength trimmed Nunn increases number of productions transferred from Stratford,

1970 Peter Brook sets A Midsummer Jim Hiley chronicles some of the most famous successes,

disasters and financial débâcles in the RSC's history

Night's Dream in gymnesiumcum-circus: on opening right, receives standing ovation at the interval, Helps RSC to its first-ever surplus. During the following decade, move to the Barbican repeatedly postponed.

1971 Season of small-scale projects at The Place Theatre, near Euston. 1972 Nunn announces linked

productions of Shakespeare's Roman plays. Senior colleagues dissent from project: Nunn directs all four plays hims Stratford stage rebuilt, with new hydraulic machinery: The Sunday Times describes effect of subsequent "miniature earthquakes". Playwinghts John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy picket production of their Arthuran epic, The Island of the Mighty, accusing the company of "impenalism". Trevor Nunn describes RSC as "left-wing". Tory MP Angus Maude resigns from the board of governors.

1973 Second season at The Place. Peter Hall succeeds Laurence Olivier as director of the National

The Other Place opens in Stratford as a regular home for studio productions; 140 seats installed in tin hut previously used for rehearsals. At the insistence of the Arts Council, The Other Place is "self-

1975 Austerity: in Terry Hands' Henry

1984

Final London star: Antony Sher in Singer

Swan Theatre opens in Stratford, thanks to gift of £1 8 million from a bastiful American, Frederick V, starring Alan Howard, the English army consists of seven men. By such measures, RSC R. Koch, Badly attended London season includes lesser-known achieves surplus of £794.

RSC opens second small venue at the Warehouse, Covent Garden. Arts Council demurs over further expansion. Hands ells Peter Hall he will resign from the RSC and join the National. the RSC as joint artistic director. Hands accepts. The A Comedy of Errors wins Society of West End Theatre award: Best

RSC gains its first commercial sponsorship: Hallmark Cards contributes £12,000 to smallscale tour of 26 towns.

Theatrical marathons in vogue: John Barton directs cycle of ten Edgar scripts eight-hour version of Nicholas Nickleby. Trevor Nunn takes "holiday" to direct

RSC moves into the Barbican

Centre, occupying the main theatre and a studio space, The Prt Legally bound to stay until the year 2007, at an annual rent of £500,000. Opens with both parts of Henry IV, directed by Nunn. Actors complain of subterranean working conditions: one halts a performance at The Prt because of sweltering heat. The cramped conditions of the Aldwych are now remembered fondly.

1983 Government-commissioned report by Clive Priestley describes RSC as efficient and under-funded. Recommends that subsidy should cover 41 per cent of costs.

Arts Council increases grant in hne with Priestley: lails to match inflation in subsequent years. Trevor Nunn takes saboatical. Disgruntled actors rumoured to have written to the BBC, asking sercastically to meet Nunn on Jim'll Fix It.

Les Misérables at the Barbican. Transfers to the West End and is produced worldwide. Currently generates £1m a year for the company. Les Liaisons Dangereuses enjoys similar success, on smaller scale and without the music.

Terry Hands takes sole charge as artistic director and chief executive. The quasi-lacobean September 1989 The Other Place closes for rebuilding after run of Trevor Nunn's Othello, with Willard White and Ian McKellen, RSC associate director Adrian Noble tells The Times that most of his colleagues "hate" the Barbican

Feydeau farces. Deficit of £1.2

47 per cent of capacity. Hands

milion looms as audiences dip to

decides to "expand our way out

of trouble" by staging 41 productions in the following year.

Record-breaking sponsorship by Royal insurance announced,

RSC wins Queen's Award for

worth £1.1 million over three

years. Productions from the Swan transfer to the ailing Mermaid Theatre in London.

Hands' production of Carrie

leading lady. Barbara Cook, on the way to Broadway. Closes

eams £250.000. Cutbacks in

company size and number of productions. RSC leaves the

April 1989

July 1989

company's costs.

after five performances, but RSC

Terry Hands says he will quit his

post in 1991, in review of Hands' Romeo and Juliet, The Sunday

Times refers to the "RFC - the

Luke Pittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, denies

ecation that withdrawal of

subsidy from the RSC is being

considered. Arts Council grant now meets 27 per cent of

Really Frightful Company".

opens to poor reviews and

packed houses. Loses its

Export.

1987

November 1989 Noble gives up associate directorship.

February 8 1990 Hands announces closure of London operation for four months from November, to avoid deficit reaching £4.7m by 1991. But this drastic move will save only £1.3m.

February 14 1990 Adrian Noble appointed successor to Hands, His comprises Michael Artenborough and RSC slalwarts David Briefley and Genista

May 24 1990 Royal Insurance sponsorship renewed for a further 3 years, worth £2.1 million. July 27 1990 First body-blow to Noble:

Mointosh joins the National. October 28 1990 Hands says RSC may be forced to quit London attogether: 11 per cent increase in grant is "too little, too late". RSC will retreat to Stratford unless subsidy rises next year by £3.7 million to £9.9

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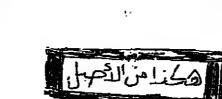
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November 3 1990 Joe Melia speaks the closing words of Singer: "This is a theatre, in which there's always so much else to say If we had all night And another day." RSC leaves the Barbican.





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Playground sculptures

MILLFIELD School, that exclusive establishment in Somerset, has announced that it is aiming to turn its 100-acre site into a "giant sculpture park". This week it launched its 199! Sculpture Commission: a contest for young sculptors. The winner will receive £6,000 to create a sculpture on the school site, joining the two already created in the last year. "We are not frightened of things that are controversial or challenging," promises Len Green, Millfield's head of art.

High and low

THE much-debated question of whether Rosina in Rossini's Barber of Seville is best sung by a mezzo or a soprano is answered with an elegant compromise by the Royal Opera: try both. For one series of Covent Garden performances (opening on Friday), Rosina will be sung by fiery Greek mezzo, Agnes Baltsa. Two weeks later, she is followed by the Czech soprano, Edita Gruberova.

Dear Mikhail

WHEN Musterlin, the holding company which owned publishers Phaidon, went into receivership last month, one casualty was the Edinburgh company, Canongate, It was an especially bitter blow to Canongate's managing director, Stephanie Wolfe Murray, who had conceived what promised to be her company's greatest coup to date: an anthology of letters titled Dear Mr Gorbachev...: written to the Nobel Prize winner by the great, good and ordinary from round the world, Happily, Wolfe Murray has been able to organise a management buy-out of her own former company, the presses are rolling again, and the book is to be launched at the Soviet Embassy on November 22,

Last chance . . .

SPANISH sculptor Eduardo Chillida was already a talent to celebrate 20 years ago. But at least the delay in celebrating has been amply rewarded by the retrospective on show at the Hayward (301-921 0880). The exhibition charts Chillida's development from 1954 to the present, with numerous pieces which were not too heavy, or too firmly anchored to their sites, to be brought to London. A splendid maturity is seen in his most recent works, and it is clear that Chillida, now 66, is still working with undiminished energy and invention.

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Comic larceny by the Godfather

Reviews of The Freshman, Love at Large, Bullseyel, The Handmaid's Tale, Young Guns II — Blaze of Glory and Kid, by David Robinson

ndrew Bergman is a clever comedy writer (his credits include Blazing Saddles) and a director with a quick, crisp style. Even so. The Freshman (PG, Odeon Leicester Square) might have passed by as just another eccentric comedy, but for Marlon Brando, Brando, when he puts his heart into it, is still a great actor; and here he shows what a great actor can do with even the lightest of comedy.

The freshman of the title is Matthew Broderick — a stylish comedy player himself — who arrives from Vermont to enrol in New York University film department. In no time, through a series of bizarre accidents, he is recruited and virtually adopted by Brando, the Godfather of Hester Street

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He finds himself involved in smuggling animals of endangered species, to grace the tables of a decadent dining club that prefers its meats rare in every sense. Meanwhile his stepfather, an animal rights fanatic, sets the FBI on to his erring ward.

While the extravagance of the plot escalates, Brando holds rock steady, a massive, slow, impenetrable pachyderm. At first his officeat dicta and seeming failure to grasp what other people say appear like senility. Gradually it becomes clear that on the contrary this is power, his technique of overriding the thoughts and wills of others, to impose his own.

His wrinkled eyes stare into

some vague distance, and he has a ruminative habit of running his tongue around his lower teeth. In public life he appears as a gentle old Italian with a crushed hat and his own table in the back-street espresso bar. In private he is a prince, with a mansion fortress in Queens. New York, the "Mona Lisa" on his wall (he left the Louvre a fake in exchange), and a daughter who is Harvard-bound (he has the nation's educational establishment in his gift).

The supporting cast is suitably bizarre, with Maximilian Schell as a cookery enthusiast with a private zoo-cum-abattoir and an oriental catamite. Paul Benedict, as Broderick's tutor, lampoons the pretensions of film academics. The humans are run close by a dyspeptic giant lizard entrusted to Broderick's care.

This is the comic side of

Don strolling through his little kingdom, acknowledging the tribute of the shopkeepers and passers-by, neatly captures the ancient feudal traditions that underlie Mafia organisation. For Brando, the college freshman is another poor kid that needs a helping hand: he looks around Broderick's

college room and murmurs, politely concealing his scorn, "I didn't miss nothing."

Those who found GoodFellas immoral might well be still more affronted by The Freshman, in which the hoods end up vindicated as the best of fellows. But comedy has a lot of licence if it is funny enough.

Another eccentric comedy, Love at Large (15 Cannon Oxford Street, Odeon Mezzanine) parodies the private-eye movie. It begins in time-honoured fashion with a beautiful femme fatale (Anne Archer) seeking the services of the shabby private detective hero (Tom Berenger).

The trouble is that the sultry lady is not very good at describing people, with the result that Berenger spends most of the film tarling the wrong man, who fortunately turns out much more interesting.

Again the convolutions of the unlikely plot are less important than the gallery of off-centre and bemused characters who figure in it. Alan Rudolph (Choose Me, Trouble in Mind, The Moderns) relishes human oddity: "The characters in my films are like people I see around me every day. It's reality that's bizarre."

Rudolph is a romantic farceur. The characters in his films all yearn for love. The trouble is that they fall in love with the wrong people, or with too many people at the same time, or reject love when it is offered, out of sheer panic. "The first time we've touched," Berenger tenderly growls when the girl in prospect lands him a knockout slap.

Berenger is full of surprises: this messy detective, who spills drinks on his clothes and bumps into things, is an authentic comic creation. He is nicely partnered by Elizabeth Perkins as an enthusiastic tyro detective set on his own tail by his insanely jealous girl-friend. The permanent rain of Portland, Oregon, adds to the

GoodFellas. A scene of the old distinctive mood of this enjoyable amorous quadrille.

Yet another crime comedy, Michael Winner's Bullseye! (15, Warner West End, Odeon Marble Arch) establishes a record for garrulity. The tormented plot is regularly explained in great detail; the dialogue is non-stop, with a juvenile taste in doubles entendres; and there is the redundant voice-over without which, since Alfie, no Michael Caine film is complete.

Caine and Roger Moore play a team of con-men who happen to be spitting images of two top-brass traitors to Britain's nuclear programme. After that it can only get sillier; and for most of its length the film is simply non-stop, frantic chase. The novelty of the film is that it is practically all shot on London and Scottish locations, but that is small compensation.

Margaret Atwood's novel The Handmaid's Tale (18, Odeon Haymarket) developed the intriguing premise that American far-right, puritanical, Bible-based fundamentalism could, with the mutimal modification, become the philosophy for a totalitarian system as brutal as Hitler created.

Tolker Schloendorff's

disappointing film adaptation, scripted by Harold Pinter, describes a bleak nearfuture America. Ethnic minorities have been eliminated and the few still-fertile women in a massively irradiated world are marshalled as an army of "handmaidens": breeding machines assigned to be impregnated by the privileged "Commanders". Behind the social hypocrisy corruption flourishes, while outside the cities a violent civil war rages.

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There are some good ideas: the aristocracy of ladies in blue two-pieces and pearl necklaces; the neo-ecclesisstical rituals that accompany barbaric public executions; or Robert Duvall, excellent as always, solemnly performing the rites of sexual impregnation whitst wearing a go-to-church waistocet.

Mostly, though, the film is weighed down with humourless pretension. The visualisation of the future has none of the style and invention of a Metropolis or A Clockwork Orange. The dialogue is stilted rather than stylised, both in writing and delivery. The story



Stealing the picture: Marion Brando uses Matthew Broderick as a shield in The Freshman

leaves too many nagging inconsistencies. Underlying all is a sense that the feminist viewpoint of the original book has become tainted with a degree of male voyeurism.

Billy the Kid, most filmed of all Western legends, rides again in Young Guns II — Blaze of Glory (12, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street, Chelsea). This is a sequel to the original brat-pack Western, chronicling Billy's rise to fame and ride to death, following the Lincoln County War, which was the subject of Young Guns. There is indeed so much cross-reference that without precise recollection of the first film, it is difficult to follow the relationships between the characters.

The plot line is minimal, mainly Billy's attempted flight to Mexico with the remnant of his outlaws, pursued by Pat Garrett, one-time friend turned sherif. In the hands of the New Zealand director Geofi Murphy, the action — which is most of the film — is better handled than in the predecessor. Emilio Estevez's callous and pathological Billy, though, is more unattractive than ever.

The film adopts the framing device of a nonagenarian who rides out of the desert in 1950, claiming to be Billy the Kid himself. Since the writer-producer John Fusco prides himself on historical accuracy, the incident is probably based on fact.

Kid (18, Prince Charles, Cannon Oxford Street) is a modern reworking of a favourite Western formula. A mysterious stent stranger arrives (on the Greyhound bus) in a nasty little town, bent on vengeance against the men who murdered his parents years before.

The sweetness of revenge is one of the more pernicious pleasures exploited by movies. The avenger in this case is another brat-pack star. Thomas C. Howell, who is required to contribute little more to the role than baleful looks and a purposeful walk through the main street. The director was John Mark Robinson, a graduate from rock videos.

CINEMA: FINANCE

Breaking up for the sake of the kids

Lucked away at the bottom of this week's stories about the financial restructuring of leisure group Brent Walker is important news for the future of Britain's down-at-heel film industry. Brent Walker is selling its Goldcrest film library, production and distribution subsidiary, once this country's white hope in the movie business, to a management buyout led by John Quested, best

known for producing the Joan Collins film, The Stud. Goldcrest was acquired by Brent Walker in 1987 when, after its swift rise to international status in the first half of the decade with films such as Chariots of Fire, it was beginning to falter with expensive flops such as Revolution and Absolute Beginners. At the time Brent Walker, headed by George Walker (a former porter in Billingsgate fish market), harboured ambitions to become a global media company. In the same year it paid £33 million to buy the historic Elstree film studios, another piece of British film history, which was owned by the troubled Cannon group, headed by Israeli cousins Yoram Globus and Menahem Golan. Brent Walker immediately put

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Brent Walker immediately put in an application to redevelop Elstree, a prime 27-acre site adjacent to the M25. The local Hertsmere Borough Council insisted that planning permission depended on Elstree remaining a film studio. By this year. Brent Walker was having second thoughts about developing a classic integrated media company, with a studio (Elstree), a production company (Goldcrest) and

Brent Walker is selling off Goldcrest Films but retaining Elstree Studios. Andrew Lycett looks at the implications for British cinema

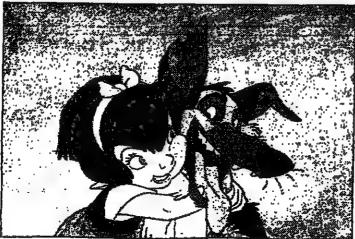
two of its other interests — a top London facilities houses (Roger Cherrill) for post-production cutting and editing of films, and three cable television franchises. In the event it has only been

able to find buyers for the core Goldcrest film company. Quested and his management are paying £17 million for the property, including its library of 72 films — Goldcrest classics such as The Mission. Gandhi and The Killing Fields. A further £2 million may be due, depending on the success of the recent Goldcrest cartoon production, All Dogs Go 10

Heaven. This film, made by the Dublin-based animator Don Bluth, proved a moderate hit at the box-office earlier this year. But it has jumped to number one in the United States video charts, and Goldcrest expects that it will have sold four million video units

"by Christmas".

Terry Ilott, editor of the newsletter Screen Finance and coauthor of a book on Goldcrest, says the newly hived-off production company has "as good a chance of success as any other independent film company in Britain". That is not a particularly



Recent Goldcrest success: All Dogs Go to Heaven

hopeful forecast, but Ilott says that Goldcrest has managed to invest \$55 million (£28.2 million) over the past year in films such as All Dogs Go to Heaven and the Rosanna Arquette vehicle, Black Rainbow. It currently has another Don Bluth cartoon film, Rock-a-Doodle, in production. Goldcrest claims that it intends to stay in feature film production on an international basis.

More concern is voiced in the film industry about the future of what remained in Brent Walker, particularly Elstree. By an agreeable coincidence, Brent Walker was yesterday on the point of signing the final legal documents which will legitimise Hertsmere Borough Council's outline planning permission, granted earlier this month, for the redevelopment of Elstree. The company intends to refurbish the film studio and, more controversially, to build a shopping complex, complete with Tesco superstore, offices, petrol station, public house, restaurant, bars and, just so we remember where we are, a multiplex cinema and film museum. Objectors argue that this means

Elstree has become just a property lot. But Barry Chattington, managing director of the Brent Walker division responsible for the studios, says significant sums have already been spent upgrading its facilities. Four new stages are to be built, together with new post-production facilities. By the middle of next year, he hopes Elstree will be able to entice back the big American companies which made Star Wars and Indiana Jones there in the 1980s.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year reters to the dete of first release, or in the case of television films, or first broadcest.

BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (CIC, 18) Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone Tom Cruise gives a performance of great strength as paraplegic Ron Kovic the All-American boy turned pacifist 1990.

FAMILY BUSINESS (MGM/UA, 15)
Sidney Lumel's muted, mood-hopping
action caper. Sean Connery, Dustri
Hotiman and Matthew Brodenck as
three generations of a New York family
whose business is crime. Sluggish at
first, but it steadily improves. 1990.

GREETINGS (Castle, 18): Exuberantly dishevelled comedy from the young Brian De Palma, capturing all the rebellious essence of its time — 1968 — and giving early indications that Robert

De Niro might be an actor to watch.

KISSIN' COUSINS (MGM/UA, U) Etvis
Prestey as an amorce officer trying to
persuade a hilbilly relative (Elvis again,
with blond hair) to self his homestead to
a missile base Tame despite lunatic
plot and 12 songs. 1964

THE KRAYS (RCA/Columbia, 18) Chilling enquiry into the life and pathology of the East London underworld twins (early portrayed by Spandau Ballet luminaries Gary and Martin Kemp), Forceful support from Billie Whitelaw as their doling mother. Director, Peter Medak, 1990.

LET'S GET LOST (Palace, 15):
Compelling portrest of the late jazz
trumpeler Chet Baker, focusing more
on his messy, drug-hazed life than his
music Directed by leading fashion
photographer Bruce Weber 1988.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING (20 20 Vision, 12) Cheap intentile hugely popular comedy about an unmarried mum (Kirstie Alley) her taxt-driving chum (John Travolta) and her talking baby (the voice of Bruce Wills) 1990

PINK FLAMINGOES (Casile 18) in which the transvestite Divine's proud claim to be the "filtrities! person alive" comes under attack from two jealous villains. Not quite critems is finest hour, though a key early film by John Waters, the maestro of bad taste. 1972.

A WORLD APART (Palace, PG): Chris

Menges' sharp drama about South African life in the early Sixties, seen through the eyes of a 13-year-old girl with activist parents, better value for money than many other films with a cause. With Barbara Hershey, Jodhi May. 1988.

GEOFF BROWN

TEI EVISION

Not much cause for complacency

NOT the best of television nights for those who would like to think that they live in a racially tolerant society. While Dispatches spent an hour on Channel 4 reconstructing with actors the industrial tribunal which on Tuesday found an Asian police constable to have been unlawfully discriminated against for promotion, Timewatch on BBC 2 reconstructed the expulsion of the Jews from England 700 years ago today.

Both programmes were superbly made and equally terrifying. What Dispatches uncovered was not just one isolated instance, where 19 out of 20 white officers to into the CID while all three blacks applying at the same time and with the same credentials got reliefed, it also alleged that racial prepare runs through the force, so thicking word coon becomes a term of agricultation at least in the ears of its white issers.

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debate, officer after officer would testify that police culture dictates the use of derogatory jokes about racial origin and colour and that this was not, as might have been hoped, some isolated case of conspiracy or peculiar circumstances. It is just that all blacks in the force get treated the same way – appallingly. The police have just started to spend a great deal of money on commercials recruiting black and Asian officers: the allegations in Dispatches are likely to prove expensive to counteract.

Up in Yorkshire. Christopher Andrew was telling an equally cautionary tale about anti-Semitism in *Timewatch*. It would seem that the English more or less invented it back in 1190 when 150 Jews burned themselves to death in York to avoid being murdered or compulsorily baptised. The old cathedral towns of Norwich and Lincoln were also early bastions of persecution, largely because most

of their non-Jewish residents were deeply in debt to Jews and saw conflagration as an alternative to repayment. A hundred years after the mass suicides in York, the English became the first nation to throw them all out, thereby setting the pattern for mass expulsions.

Those viewers in full flight from revelations of local intolerance had nowhere much to go beyond prison: after BBC 2's The Sentence on Tuesday, an investigation of life at Glen Parva, the largest institution for young offenders in Europe, came last night's Without Walls. This is the new arts strand on Channel 4, which has already provided some splendid new senes and is now setting up a survey on design, which will run in the new year with Paul Morley.

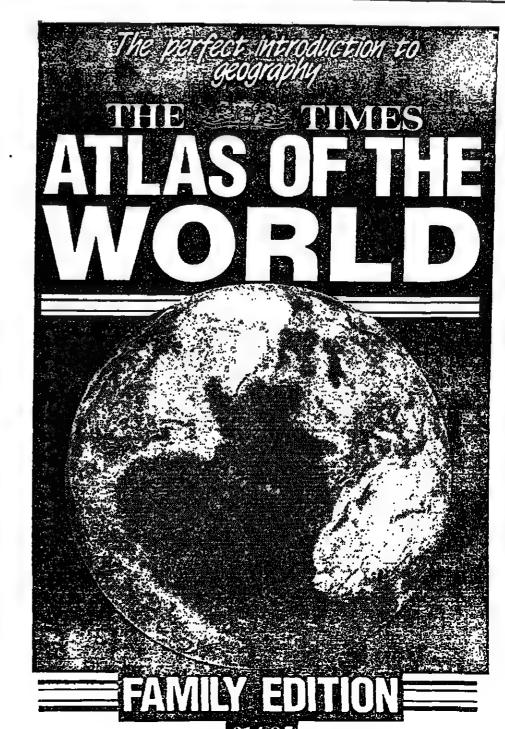
new year with Paul Morley.

As a trailer he offered "The Thing is... Prisons", a look at the architecture of clinks from Pentonville through to the brandnew Belmarsh in Woolwich, which resembled nothing so much

as a trendily desirable Docklands housing estate for left-over yuppies. Letters to the editor will doubtless even now be in the post about the architect who told Morley "we don't want to ram home the fact that these chaps are being detained," while even the most docile of poll-tax payers may be wondering about the two-tone brickwork and the calming garden and the desire to erect "humane and reasonable buildings with an urban feel to them".

Morley tends self-consciously to send up his own pieces to camera even while he is delivering them, but he is reassuringly willing to let the camera linger on his blank features while he tries to think of something useful to say to it. In the end his interviewees did most of the thinking for him. "In your open prison," said one, "you get your freedom of movement, your hygiene and your better attitude."

SHERIDAN MORLEY



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CURRENT

Finding their feet in new home

Birmingham Royal Ballet Gala Hippodrome

BIRMINGHAM gave a great welcome to its new ballet company on Tuesday. A packed gala audience: Princess Margaret there as president; an amazingly florid fanfare before a highly pompous version of the national anthem (Barry Wordsworth conducting): and a big burst of applause when the curtain went up on Bal-anchine's Theme and Variations.

We already knew how well Birmingham Royal Ballet would dance this from its Sadler's Wells days, but that did not make its dancing any less pleasing, with Miyako Yoshida's limpid performance at the head of a company on its best form.

Next, a premiere by David Bintley on the stage where his first ballet and several of his subsequent pieces had their first performances. Brahms Handel Variations, using Edmund Rubbra's orchestration, is a big showpiece of dancing for a company that can put up four leading women of exemplary quality.

This is not an occasion for nitpicking, so let me suppress an impression of unevenness in the choreographic invention and concentrate on the best of it: the playful first duet for Karen Donovan and Michael O'Hare, Sandra Madgwick's aplomb in a somewhat complicated adagio section. Mark Silver's splendid partnering and Yoshida's darting solo, and the grace and charm of Mireille Bourgeois and Kevin O'Hare.

There was still another premiere 10 come, this company's first performance of Jazz Calendar, not seen at all for many a year. How well Richard Rodney Bennett's bright colourful music,

ROCK

The Grateful Dead

Wembley Arena

IN BECOMING not so much a

musical spectacle, but more a way

of life, the Grateful Dead has

turned the norms of rock group

performance on their head. For

one thing they bring their own

audience with them, the so-called

Deadheads who will seemingly

follow the band anywhere on

earth. At Wembley there was a

mellow but persistent pandemo-

nium among this euphoric.



Ravenna Tucker in Jazz Calendar: woeful Wednesday tormented by nightmares of monsters

Derek Jarman's matching designs and Ashion's choreography were all performed. The wit and style of the piece are as bright as ever. starting with Monday's Child (Annette Pain) as a model girl, and Marion Tait as Tuesday's Child in an allegro parody of Ashton's own Monotones. Ravenna Tucker, newly transferred from Covent Garden, was woeful Wednesday, with big dark eyes and long dark hair, tormented by nightmares of strange green and black creatures.

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from the moment that the group

As performers the Dead are

strictly of the less is more school.

All five permanent members are

in their forties, and most of them

look older. Drummers Bill

Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart sit

imperturbably behind their es-

carpments of percussion, while in

front of them bassist Phil Lesh

actually exudes a negative stage

presence. The focus of attention is

thus entirely on the two singer/

guitarists: Bob Weir, a regulation

skinny rock 'n' roll frontman with

a manly voice and a pony tail, and

wandered on to the stage.

Vincent Redmon travelled with cheerful indefatigability through Thursday, Friday could have been a little more loving and giving than Sherilyn Kennedy and Kevin O'Hare managed to make it, but the eight male dancers for Saturday, with Alain Dubreuil as their lithe although grey-haired ballet master, certainly worked hard for their living.

There were thanks at the end from Peter Wright, the company's director, to the royal guest, to the

grey, bushy-haired bear of a man

with a more weathered vocal tone.

acknowledged to be the soul of the

The Dead began life at the epicentre of San Francisco's

counter-cultural explosion of the

Sixties and by all reasonable

expectations they should have

gone the way of contemporaries

such as Quicksilver Messenger

Service and Moby Grape. But

despite occasional departures and

deaths in the ranks the group has

Dourished, garnering a new

generation of devotees and enjoy-

ing huge success with the 1987

The connotations of the band's

album, in the Dark.

company's founder - Dame Ninette de Valois, who was also present - to Birmingham, the Hippodrome, and the sponsors, especially Midland Bank and IBM. More remains to be done, especially improving the sightlines, and the price of the programmes for the opening season is exorbitant. But it was a good start. and now we shall see what happens after the honeymoon.

JOHN PERCIVAL

name have always been at odds with the gentle, spontaneous exuberance of its music, a quality borne out by the whimsical chugaboogie of "Bertha" and the bluesy strut of

"Queen Jane" and "Row Jimmy" were highlights of the first half, while a storming "Hell in a Bucket" and the gentle "Foolish Heart" set things rolling in the second section, before the powerchord riffing of "Terrapin Station" gave way to a dual drum solo layered with weird sci-fi sound

"Wang Dang Doodle".
"Brown Eyed Woman", Dylan's

DAVID SINCLAIR

Jerry Garcia (aka Captain Trips), a THEATRE

The Mystery of

Irma Vep

Ambassadors THE theatre would be a more sober but a duller place without the likes of Charles Ludlam now, alas, the late Charles Ludlam - to stir up its innards with a pages Nighting extrava/ Ludia/ Ridic in i' wi' wand and thwack its pretentions with a fool's bladder. In these pages last Monday. Benedict Nightingale wrote of the "lunatic extravagance of idea" that marked Ludlam's 20 odd years with the Ridiculous Theatrical Company in its basement theatre in Greenwich Village. Most of those years must have been very odd indeed but only now, three years after his early death, can London audiences catch some flavour of the play that

hit the commercial jackpot over Irma Vep is a burlesque Gothic melodrama that hauls together segments of Conan Doyle, Daphne Du Maurier and Marie Corelli. tying them up with an exuberantly

camp over-acting style that signals

shock and horror with rolling eye and shuddering arm.

A wolf howls, lightning flashes

and the curtain draws aside to reveal Lord Edgar's heavily furnished sitting room at Mandacrest. For her wittily atmospheric set. Poppy Mitchell plumps for naturalism instead of farce in all but one respect, this being the portrait of Lady Irma that glows with an eerie light when mention is made of her husband's bride.

The characters include Jane, the fiercely loval housekeeper, onelegged Nicodemus, Lord Edgar, Lady Enid in bridal white and sundry Egyptians, ancient and modern, in the feeble middle act. As well as Nickolas Grace and Edward Hibbert, the cast list names six others but we wait in vain for Theda Birdwerb, Brad Breedwhit and the rest to make an appearance because all the roles are played by the quick-changing Grace and Hibbert. The rapid reentrances through another door are helped by dressing the female characters in long skirts or wrapped in capacious horse blankets, so that manly shoes and checked trousers can be kept out of sight beneath them. Even so.

and allowing for the wonder of Velcro, the fast changes in Maria Aitken's production from male to female contribute significantly to the entertainment.

Hibbert's commanding chin, and the wrenching that the monkey-faced Grace subjects his cheeks and mouth to, inevitably fix their looks when in drag, so that they sometimes resemble Margaret Rutherford acting opposite Dame Hilda Bracket. Grace's Egyptian characters are a dead loss but his dainty Enid, jerking her eyeballs sideways in slow motion. and the farcically-staged transformation of his Nicodemus into a werewolf are enjoyably observed. Even more comical, and dangerously wild, is Hibbert's Jane.

ferociously genteel until the spirit of dead Irma bursts from her. And yet, for all the pleasures of the first act, and the ingenuity of the ending, a troublesome emptiness spreads at the heart of the show. It may even be that a tackier set might better suit the play's mock-reverent intentions. The evening will seem funnier after the longueurs are forgotten.

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9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. Cuiz show hosted by Andy Craig 9.25 Dish of the Day. Another recipe from Rosemany Moon 9.30 People Today. Three mothersto-be talk about their hopes and fears

during pregnancy News, regional news and weathe 10,00 Ne 10.05 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parlun, begins with Playdays which this morning comes from Cardiff (r) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) People Today, Kaffe Fessett talks about the art of rag rug making

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Käroy. Robert Kiroy-Silk chairs another topical discussion 11.45 Before Noon, Adnen Mills and Ronke Phillips take viewers' calls and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers introduce their special guest

12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon, Join Rosemery Conley's diet and fitness club 12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news

1,00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewig. Weather 1.30 Naighbours, (Ceefax) 1.50 Film: The Saboteur, Code Name 'Morituri'' (1965, b/w). Marlon Brando, Yul Brynner and Trevor Howard starin a heavy-going second world war thy German pacifist is persuaded by British intelligence to: pose as a Gestago officer to make sure that a ship talls into Alhed hands.

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Directed by Bernhard Wicki 3.50 The Brodys, Animated series narrated by David Shaw Parker 4,05 Contouted School Manus compalis agenst the clock in mental and physical challenges. Darren Dey keeps an eye on things 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon about a bionic beby 4.35 Uncle Jack . . . And Operation Green. Children's comedy drama senal starring Paul Jones as an eccentric green activist (Ceetax) Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. With

Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceatax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceetax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Utster nd Sports

6.03 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Imand. Neighbourg
7.00 Top of the Pops Introduced by
Simon Mayo. Simultaneous broadcast

with Redio 1 EastEnders. Another depressin look at life amid the market stall London's Albert Square. (Ceetax) 8.00 Tomorrow's World. Howard
Stableford and Kate Bellingham take
over the controls of a Harrier jump jet
to demonstrate the capabilities of the
tatest flight simulators that will soon

be seen in amusement arcades up and down the country 8.30 Birds of a Feather. Earthy cockney

comedy about two sisters (Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson) who are reluctantly living together until their husbands are released from prison. (Ceetax) Northern Ireland: Spotlight 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis, Regional news and weather 9.30 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Sue

Cook report on a recent spale of attempted child abdactions in Dorsal and Hampshire and appeal for help in catching the perpetrators. They offer advice on protecting young children from danger and look at Kidscape, the Home Office approved scheme which teaches children what to do when approached by strangers. There is also a reconstruction of the unsolved murder of 32-year-old Paul Stevens, whose body was found in the Grand Union Canel in Southall, west

London. (Ceetax) 10.15 Your Cheatin' Heart: Happy Trails. John Gordon-Sinclair and Tilda Swinton with veteran American chart-toppe Guy Mitchell, in episode four of John Byrne's mordantly funny and heavily accented drama set among Giasgow country and western tolk. (Ceetax) tion Time chaired by Peter Sissons. Tonight's guests are Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat,

John Harvey-Jones and MPs Edward Heath and David Blunkett 12.05am Crimewatch UK Update. The interest of the contract of th

toriight, Koo Stark (r) (Ceetax) 8.30 Top Gear examines Nissan's hopes for the new Primers, which takes over from the Bluebird. Presented by William Wootland 9.00 Rab C Nesbrit. In the last of the

comedy senes staming Gregor Fisher as the ranting philospher, the Nesbitts strut their noisome Glaswegian stuff in

> CHOICE: Taking a favourite 40
> Minutes theme of people with unusual obsessions, Christopher Terrill's film looks at exercise addiction. The urge to spend every spare moment working out in the gym may sound like a harmless eccentricity but it has its darker side. Like drunk or drugs, once figets a hold it is difficult to shake off. The daily "tox" of press-ups and jogging becomes as necessary as the jab in ifms with or the clouble scotch. interleaving helf a dozen assorted case histories, Terrili reveals a story of strained marriages, physical and emotionel damage and in one instance a life so runed that the victim appears, like a criminal, with her tace blacked out. A visit to the United States, where exercise addiction has been a plague of rather longer standing, feetures an interview with Dr Connie Chan, a psychologist and former addict who runs an exercise dependency clinic.

10.10 Smith and Jones in Small Doses. The Whole Hog. Mel Smith and Griff Rihys-Jones in a corric playlet by Graeme Gerden about a man's reunion with his ex-wite after 10 years (r).

10.30 Newsnight. With Francine Stock.

Starte: 12.30pm Lock have 1.00 News 1.45 First Century Americ 2.10 Carson's Law 3.00 "Live At Three" 4.00 News tosowed by

3.00 *Live At Three* AJD News sollowed by Enmerchie 4.30 Knots, Lancing 6 16 Mea-terworks 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angeles 6.01 Ser-One 6.45 Cardia Petrol 7.00 Top of the Petrol 7.30 Tap Avery 7.40 Merco 8.05 Jake and The Fathern 9.00 News; 8.25 A Presidental Election Broadcast 9.30 Today Forgins 10.10 Soprila and Constance 11.05 Booklines 11.40 News 11.40 Cossi

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followed by Free Frech Crest 10.25 Nighthewid
11.10 News 11.30 A Pressummat Electron
Brossous 11.35 Close

5.00 PM 5.50 Shooing Forecast

5.55 Weather 6.00 The Sn-Crom Sue Limb's six-part cornedy set during the English civil will (4) (s) (r)

7.20 In the Shadow of . . Windsor Clastier CHOICE The Duke of

CHONCE The Duke of Edinburgh, who must know what he is taking about, assures Jenny Cuffe mat thousands of other instors to Windsor Castle like to chew gum and drop it all over the place The townspeople find different things to grouse

different things to grouse about too few new houses, too much commercial

development, too high shop prices, too many traffic problems caused when a tow that is home to 30,000 is invaded every year by nearly

tour maken tourists, and an altegation that the castle's guards whistle at the local guts from meir room in the

tower, or else pelt passing

Brains Peter Hennessy concludes has evamination of

Parties of its "special relationship" with the United States since 1945. He appoints the effects of the Guif tensions and Britain's luttire commitment to Europe Dock He 7ths Strengt Hets.

the cost and benefits to

hard-boxed eggs

8.00 Analysis Moneybaos and

8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Katı

Whitaker presents the

9,15 Kaleidoscope (broadcast at

4.30pm) (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Peter Day (s) 9.59

Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime Five manight tales by Bram Stoker Part 4 A Gream of

Reg Hands
11.00 Not as Far as Velma Part 5:
An Intrinary in Auschwitz, A
sur-part adaptation of Nicolas
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Barron as Castang (s)

11 30 Today in Parlament 12.00-12.30am News. Incl 12.20 Waether 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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Prime Minister's Questions

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Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with

magazirie for people with

7.05 The Archers

NETWORK 2

RADIO 4

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Keynotes. Game show in which the contestants must link the lyrics with the mauric 9.55 Thamus News and

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . is adultery a bad thing? Mike Scott lalks to cheating adults about what they

10.40 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the magazine

12.05 The Raddlers (r) 12.25 Home and Away, Australian soap 12.55 Thames News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet,

1.20 Hot Property. Judith Chalmers meets the Strachers, who am renovating a medieval castle, and Jim Bowen, who lives in a converted railway station 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama 2.20 Posts Frocks & New Trousers. Includes items on how large women can

look smaller and on the changing shape of the male hair cut 2.50 Talkebout, Andrew O'Connor houts another round of the think-on-your-feet game for couples 3.15 News handines 3.20 Thames News handlines 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Disney's
Duck Tales (r) 4.35 Speedy and Daffy
(r) 4.40 Jackson Pace: The Great

Years. Archaeological adventures await our tousie-haired hero. Starring Kerth Blockbusters, Bob Holness Nosta

the general knowledge quiz game for teenagers 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

5.55 Thames Help with a report on the help provided to a young widow by the North Landon Hospice bereavement

6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Tharnes News and weather 7.00 Emmerdale, Soap sel in

the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) 7.30 Survival: Before the Oil. The Survival team returns to the Prince William Sound in Alaska, which was an area of natural beauty and wildlife when it was last there in 1986. This time they assess the destruction caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.

Nameled by Alan Dobie. 8.00 The Bit. Effective Persuaders. Arnid much resentment, six of the Sun Hill team are sent on a training course to learn how to be better detectives. (Oracle)



A Spur to the media: Paul Gascoigne (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: Gazza Unlimited. A report on the marketing and exploitation of the Tottenham Hotspur footballer Paul Gascoigne, who since the World Cup has been a constant target of the tabloid press. With comm the player himself and other rs who have had to cope with simular hype

9.00 Capital City. Multi-storied big business drama focusing on a bunch of dealers in a London merchant bank. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Alaster Burnet

and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.40 The City Programme reports on the potential upheaval in the television industry With contributions from Thames Television's Richard Dunn,

Leatie Hill of Central and the Virgin Group's Charles Levison 11.10 01 includes Phil Daniels reviewing The Freshman, stamng Marion Brando, and Harriet Herman on The Handmaiden's Tale, stamno Natasha

Richardson 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian scap set in a women's detention centre. Followed by News houdlines 12:30am Contacts. Trevor Ward and Susy

Smith introduce more lonely souls who want to meet other people 1.00 The Concert. Wishbone Ash recorded at the Town & Country Club in London, Followed by News

2.00 Film: Don't Drink the Water (1969). Jackie Gleason and Estelle Parsons in an adaptation of Woody Allen's stage play about a Jewish caterer who is accused of being a spy and takes refuge with his family in an American embassy. Never shown in British cinemas, the film was directed by ward Morris. Followed by News

4.00 The invisible Man (b/w), identical twins provide Peter Brady with an adventure when one of them disappears (r)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Brends Rowe. Ends at 6.00

BBC2

8.00 News, With sign language 8.15 Westminster. Round up of

9.00 Daytime on Two: Maths 9.15
Childcare for working mothers 9.45
France and the French 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Teensgers' introduction to the Christian faith 10 35 Decrussion topics 11.00 Air pollution 11.20 The importance of measurement in science 11.40 Maths investigations 12.05 Energy from coal 12.25 Alternative sources of energy 12.50 Science drame series for five and six-year-olds 1.20 PC Pinkerton 1.25 Fireman Sam 1.40 How music changes moods

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 in the Shadow of Fujisan: See No Evil. How the Japanese monkey and other wildlife fare in an increas industrial country (r). (Ceefax) 3.00 News and weather followed by

stminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and vessible: 4.00 Call My Bluff. Another vintage edition of the word game with learn lieders Frank Muir and I'm lass Arthyr Marshall. The guests are Heyland, Jan Francis, Joan Regan

and Rabbi Lionel Blue (r). 4.30 Fighting Talk: Will trade unions exist in the next century? Ken Gill, the general secretary of the Menufacturing, Science and Finance Union, talks to

5.00 Play Snooker. Learning to pot, with Dennis Taylor (r)

5.30 Clean State explores the specialise "magnet" schools for exceptionally bright children in Wandsworth 6.00 Film: Rancho Notorious (1952). CHOICE: After two well-made but inscilloral Westeres in the Trures, the German emigré Fritz Lang returned

Fun on the run: Martene Dietrich (6. to the genre in the Fifties and came up with one of its most bizarre offerings.
The plot, a man avenging his sweetheart's murder, is familiar enough and was recycled by Lang the following year for his fine gangster little. The Big Heat. What sets Rancho Notonous apart is, first, its dark and broording atmosphere, a Western film noir, complete with film noir flashbacks. which abendoned the wide, open

moaces for the claustrophobia of the studen. Secondly, echaing his onetime collaboration with Bertolt Brecht, ... Lang introduced the Brechtian device of a song which provides a commentary on the firm and identifies its theme of "hate, murder and revenge", But *Flancho Notanous* offers fun as well, not least in Mariene Describ describe performance as the former dance-hall singer running a Induout for cultime

7.30 First Sight: The End of the Line. A Prist Signt: The cito to the Line. A report by Terry Dignan on homeleseness in the Kenf seased resort of Margate. Wates Open Space; Northern Ireland. Bards of a Feather, England:

—East: Second Thought, Micliands: The Midlands Report; Leads, Newcastle and Atanchester; Close-Up North;

Sauthorizes Constitute Characteristics. Southempton and Plymouth: Southern Eye; Bristol. Current Account 8.00 Red Dwarf III. Cult comedy series. Kryten descovers some smazing developing faud: Staming Chris

Barrie, Craig Charles, Ruby Wax and,

9.30 40 Minutes: Fit To Drop.

11.15 The Late Show. The best of live jazz, with studio performances from the Stan Tracey Sig Band, Ute Lemper, Devid Nurray and Leon Rections 12.00 Fighting Talk. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

CHANNEL 4

8.00 The Art of Landscape, Film of the natural world with southing music 6.20 Business Daily

6.30 The Channel Four Daily 12.00 Time To Talk. Lesley Judd talks to Eva Burrows, general and wond teader of the Salvation Army (r)

12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street, Educational fun for 2.00 A Houseful of Plants. Floelie

Benjamin and Michael Jordan talk to experts on bonsai and dired flowers and look at an extraordinary collection of nir-plants. Plant doctor Chris Fairweather gives advice. (Teletext) 2.30 Film: The Emperor Waltz (1948).

Bing Crosby is an American phonograph nan who arrives in 1901 Austria to thrust his wares upon the Emperor Franz Joseph and ends up falling in love with his daughter (Joan Fontaine). A thin vehicle for Crosby and an extraordinery choice for its director. Billy Witder 30 Fitteen-to-One

5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show. Oprah and her guests discuss the madness surrounding the Nintendo video game which is sweeping across America 5.50 The Adventures of TinTin. The

animetred activantures of Tin Tin continue on the timusier island 6.00 The Crystal Maze. Rocky Horror Show creator Richard O'Brien guides contestants through the tricky

adventure game show (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas
Gwen and Zerrus Bactawi, Includes a report from Nick Glass on the attempt to recreate the work of the 17th

century master woodcarver, Grinling Gibbons, during repairs to Hampton Court, which was damaged by fire

7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 The Great Moghuls: The Court of
Akbar, Bamber Gascoigne continues to chart the use and tall of the creat dynasty which dominated the indian subcontown for more trust six generations (r)

8.30 Cheers. Continuing the repeated first series of the filesible American comedy set in a Boston bar. (Teletexi)



Busie Wooldridge and Jim Carter (9.00pm)

9.00 Film; Crimestrika (1990). CHOICE. Although based on an idea by Jaroslav Hajek of *The Good* Soldier Schwerk, writer-director Peter Biddle's comic fantasy could have come from the heyday of Ealing studies.
Alarmed at competition from untrained youths, the nation's professional commands decide to go on strike. The effects are devestating. The police have nothing to do and start being laid off. The disperse of matter. and itions has a nervous translationer. When a strikebyeaking initiative lads,

Connoisseurs of Ealing films will note echoes of *Passport to Pimlico* and *The Man in the White Suit*, but there is little of Ealing's cracking pace and light touch. Crimestrike tends to take its joke too senously, setting itself up as an attack on Thatcherite enterprise Culture. But there are excelle performances, notably from Jim Certer and Susie Wooldinge as police officers saddled with a stolen baby 10.55 Day of the Dead.

• CHOICE, From the versatile team

the viliains cause a run on the pound.

of Laurens C. Posta and Phillip Bartlett, responsible for Channel 4's senior citizen senes The Third Wave as well as the leature film Midnight Breaks, comes a vivid and impressionistic film of Mexicans in celebration. What they are celebrating, in the first two days of each November, is death and they do it joyously. As well as a reunion with the past, family rituals such as taking a picnic on the graves of relatives and scattering mangolds are also an assertion of life. Drawing on poetry, music and visual art, both high and popular, Day of the Dead traces in the sta a fusion of pagan and Christian elements, and suggests that its inherent tatalism is a strain going back many centuries. It is a pity that the writings and artelects are not identified, and that there is no credit for the extracts from Essensiem a Nim Que Viva Mexico, which also contains striking images from the Day of the

11.45 A Week in Politics - Late Sitting. Includes an in-depth interview with Tony Benn and a profile of Dalydd Ellis Thomas, leader of Plaid Cymru. Presented by Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley. Ends at 1,10am

ITV VARIATIONS

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Adrian Boult). Seethoven
(Sonata in A manor, Op 23:
Gidon Kremer, violin, Martha
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7,35 News
7,35 Morning Concert (conti-

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Morning Concert (cont):
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under Vactav Smethásick)
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Dances, Alfons and Aloya
Kontarsky, pieno duelt); Glock
(Ballet music, Orteo ed
Eurolice, 1774 version: C.P.E.
Bach Chamber Orchestra
under Hartmut Haenchen)

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tenor): Concerto in C Per la

(Tavemer Players under Andrew Parrol)

including music for hunting-forms. Bach (Brandenburg

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and Storm, The Trojans:

Chorus and Orchestra of the

Royal Opera House under Bernard Haitink), M-A Charpenher (Acteon, excerpts:

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lonor, Agnès Mellon, soprano, Guitemetto Laurens, mezzo-

seprano), Mozart (String Quarter in B flat, K 458, Hunt:

Salomon Quartet), British (Our Hunting Fathers: Orchestro of the Welsh National Opera

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9.35 The Hunt's Up. Music connected with hunting.

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Schoenberg (Emperor Weitz, Roses from the South), arr Berg (Wine, Women and Song): Schoenberg, arr Webern (Chamber Symphony No 1, Op 9)

changing fortunes of wind instruments as the purveyors

2.00 Pâté de foi and Trumpets: The

of "casual" musc are examined by Graham Fawcett. 2.40 Caroffi Festival 1990 BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra under Tadaala Otaka; BBC Weish Chorus under John Shahiman Poppier I mited Choral

Weish Chorus under John
Hugh Thomas; London Choral
Society under Roreld Corp
performs Poulenc (Glons);
Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in
D mindr, Choral), incl 3.05
Interval Reading
4.35 Philip Martin performs
Chabner (Paysage;
Melanchole; Scherzo-Valse,
Docustos of Chitagony with

Dox pieces picturesques; Fauré (Noctume No 6 in D Rat, Op 63), Debussy (Images, Book 2); Poulenc

talks to Nicholas Maw, whose opera. The Rising of the Moon is currently undergoing a new lease of life at the Wexford

under Riccardo Muti performs Mozart (Sympnony No 36, Linz): 8.05 Fritz Spiegi

considers Biedermeier Vienne: 8.25 Schubert (Symphony No

The Tyrant of Versailles. In the

tirst of three programmes, Garard Green reads from the Memoirs of the Duc de Saint-

BSC Singers under Odeline de la Martinez, with Shelagh Sutherland, percussion, perorms Ellion Carter

Musicians Wrestle Everywhere; Hearl Not So

Everywhere: Heart Not So Heavy as Mine) Bernard Benoliel (Eternity Junctions); Odaline de la Martinez (Two American Macingala)

10.15 Seetnoven (Cuartet in E flat, Op 127. Melos Ouertet)

11.00 Dr Jazz: Jelly Rolf Morton (r)

11.30 Composers of the Week: Steve Reach (Vermont Counternont: The Desart

Counterpoint: The Desert Music for chorus and

1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)

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5.30 Meinly for Pleasure with Michigan Berkeley

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Nicholas Kenyon

7.30 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra

9 in C) 9.25 in the Shadow of Versailles:

Simon, translated by Michel Petheram (r) 9.45 Settings of Emily Dickinson:

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Sunts: 6.00mm The Art of Landscope 8.30

(a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shapping Forecast 5.00 News Briefing, Weather 5.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 5.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.57

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John

9.05 Face the Fects with John Warte (r)
9.30 Opmon: Passport to Liverpool.
Restatarian poet Benjamin Zephanian probles the beleaguered community of Liverpool 8 (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling take a look at pyginy chimpunases, and the connection between kangaroo paws and the roles of

paws and the rotes of Australian bush cricke

Australian busin crickers
during courtship
10.45 Daily Service Prigrimage: A
celebration for All Seints' Day
from Si Paul's Church, Jarrow
11.00 News, Citizens (s)
11.25 Tough Cookies in the fourth

of five programmes. Jenny Cutte talks to Sheila Mottley,

thelidomide child in 1962

11.50 First Person Senes of talks by first-time broadcasters. Sue

1.00 The World at One with James

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2.00 News, Women's Hour Presented by Jenni Murray, includes an interview with the

Contraception in Romania 3.00 News; Jackson Ward (LW only): A play by Jemes Scott. Dr Jack Jackson is famous in

both his field and in his community. When he retires,

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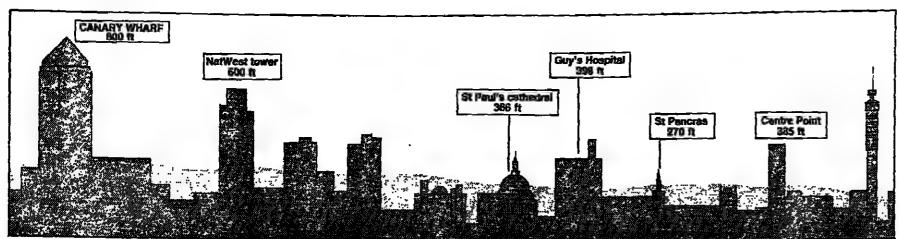
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Crowning the glory of the UK's tallest tower

THE 800ft Canary Wharf tower in Docklands is to be topped out next Thursday. The tallest building in the UK and part of the largest commercial development in Europe, the tower has changed the London skyline forever.

Nearly 16,000 pieces of steel, weighing a total of 27,000 tonnes, have been erected to form the frame of the building's 50 floors.

Surpassing the NatWest Tower, previously the tallest building in Britain, by 200 ft, No 1 Canada Square, to give it its proper name, nevertheless looks up to the Empire State Building, New York, at 1,250ft, Sears Tower, Chicago

Bush runs out of patience

ain's Gulf campaign. About 500 staff from the three services working round the clock. Senior staff disclosed that 80 per cent of the 7th Armoured Brigade, about 8,000 men, were now deployed in the desert of north-eastern Saudi Arabia. If called on, they could join an offensive before the rest of the brigade joined them.

Both the defence ministry and Sir Patrick emphasised that they did not want to go to war unless they were sure of victory. Sir Patrick also felt there should be a supreme commander in the area, but he understood the political

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister, said yesterday that war was an im-minent possibility. "It is coming. We just don't know when," he told a news conference. He was confident, however, that Iraq would not be able to destroy Saudi Arabia's oilfields, and even if some installations were hit the kingdom's assets were so widespread that world oil supplies would not be seriously affected.

at 1.454ff, and the CN Tower, in Toronto, Canada, which at 1.815ft is the world's tallest free standing structure. Sadly, an American company called Tishman Speyer is working on a building in Frankfurt which will top the Canary Wharf tower by a mere 30ft, pushing it one step further down the rankings. Phase one of the Docklands

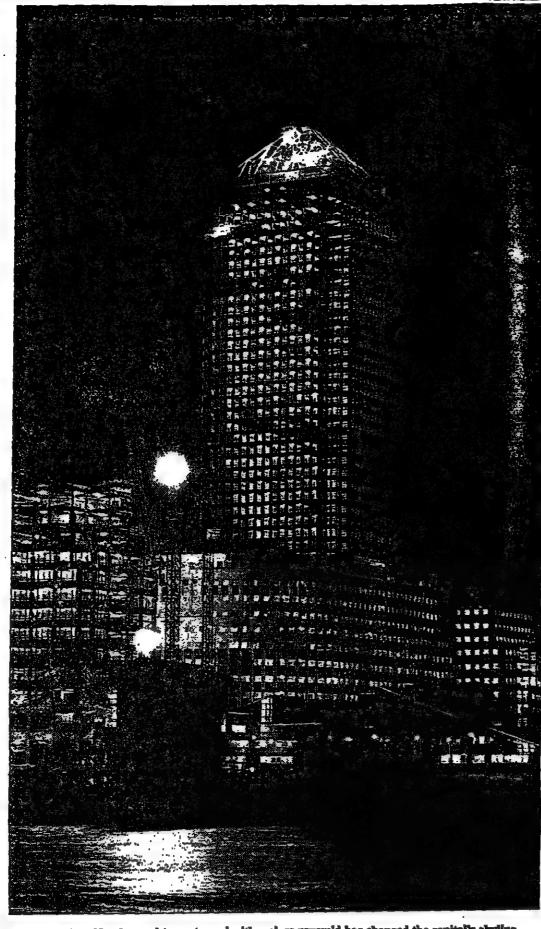
development comprises 4.5 million sq ft of space, 2.3 million of which has been let to American Express, Texaco, Telegraph newspapers. Lehrer McGovern International, the construction com-pany, and Manufacturers Hanover, the banking concern. By the late 1990s the entire development comprising 11 million sq ft throughout more than 24 buildings and covering 71 acres, will be complete.

Shocking turquoise plastic pro-tecting the building's stainless steel skin is now being removed, after hundreds of phone calls from local residents aghast at the garish tinge. Once complete the building will resemble a steel obelisk dotted with hundreds of windows; at the top will be an illuminated steel and glass pyramid.

Canadian Richard Griffiths, head of building for the project, said most of the 4,000-strong construction crew hailed from the north of England. "We haven't had to employ many people from outside Britain, although it's the first time anyone from a British workforce has been up that high." Workers have also come from Europe and South Africa, he said. "With the changes in eastern Europe we're getting a number of

Forkers from there as well."
The building, which is di completion next year, can be seen from Hertfordshire and up to 20 miles away in Kent. It dominates the horizon from almost any direction that even motorists use it as a guide into Docklands. Once there, however, they will have to resign themselves to travelling at snail's pace because of construction work on roads which will eventually service the tower.

Glorious link, page 14



London's pride: the steel tower topped with a glass pyramid has changed the capital's skyline

WEATHER

ABROAD

LONDON

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scattered showers, the heaviest and most frequent over exposed northern parts of Scotland and western coasts of

Political sketch

The Lords' bark is worse than its bite

YESTERDAY the House of Lords debated dogs. Looking on the assembled company of peers in their oak-lined place of safety, I wondered where else you might find such an assort-ment of oddballs gathered to-gether in one place — banishing the answer from my mind.

Lord Hailsham was telling us about his own dog. He was worried about a poll tax on dogs". His dog was originally found wandering "at one of those places on the motorways where petrol is sold". Several of their lordships wondered what this had to do with the argument Wouldn't dog registration have traced the truent's owner? "No!" The previous Lord

Chancellor positively squealed with glee: "Because it hadn't got a collar on!" He rested his case, hands slapping knees in

Lord Massereene and Ferrard intervened to congratulate Lord Stanley of Alderley on the tenacity with which he pursued the amendment - "Just like a terrier on a rat!" he gasped, his admiration plain. For Lord Houghton of Sowerby the subject of dogs was too important for this amendment "smuggling dogs" into a bill. "What we really need is a complete bill on dogs." The problem was of "stray dogs", he said, looking, perhaps, towards the cross-benches which accommodate

peers attached to no party.

Speaking on dogs for the
Church, the Bishop of Manchester enquired meekly about their lordships' constitutional powers. Less meekly, Lord Mackie of Benshie complained that "an enormous number of red herrings have been dragged across this bill about dogs".

And then it was the turn of Baroness Strange. The baroness did more than speak about dogs, or even for dogs. Lady Strange had spoken to dogs. my four legged friends" she bore a message from the canine world. Her doggy informants were "worried that there might be a wilder and rougher ele-ment" among their fellow tail-waggers, with whom their lordships' writ might not run. "My lords, would you like it if whenever you stepped outside the bounds of Westminster without a coronet or robe or other identifying garment, you were seized?"

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"A tail tax, I prefer to call it," said Lord Jenkin of Roding, adding that their lordship's proposals were "not on all fours" with the Northern freland scheme. Lord I - something of a party pooper seemed not to comprehend the hilarity this occasioned with a wilder and rougher element among their lordships.

It fell to the Baroness Blatch to reply, for the government. Lady Blatch is an air traffic controller who caught Mrs Thatcher's attention and ended up in the Lords entrusted with the twilight hours of the environmental protection bill. She strikes a discordantly sane note, and bounded through her text with the alertness of a wellclipped springer spaniel. Fel-low-peers stared uncomprehending at this businesslike intrusion. And I stared at them.

Some had eye-patches. Some had scarlet socks. Many had ostentatious watch-chains, and a number were listening to personal hearing aids shaped like black dessert spoons with a telephone-style speaker in the spoon-end. Some had magnifying glasses round their necks and one had what appeared to

They were an assortment of stritings — usually double-breasted, often gangster-style and one woman in a strange red gown resembled the statue of liberty. The bishops looked like emperor penguins.
Dozing, twitching, growling or pressing their spoons to their

ears, their lordships moved towards this, the last day of their parliamentary session. And that of the House of Commons too, shricking and bawling down at the other end of the corridor. One could not help feeling that our constitu-tion provides for a certain bizarre symmetry.

MATTHEW PARRIS

TUC offer rejected

which would report back to a special meeting of council. He told the council, which was chaired by Mr Howard: "When we call for discussions, that implies a willinge do decor assume our responsibilities, I understand the size of what we are asking, but it is asking of ourselves

as well as everyone else."

The TUC envisaged a group, chaired by a minister, and including two representatives from the unions and the CBI, which would hold a series of urgent meetings on the issue and report back before Christmas. The group's economic assessment, much along the lines ing Labour government, would

meeting he had been unable to identify anything new that the TUC was offering, John Banham, director general of the CBI, said: "The TUC sound as though they

of what the TUC has suggested it would want to do with a forthcomhave looked at such as issues as the pattern of pay next year, skill shortages, and multi-akilling.

are still stuck in the 1970s, somewhere close to cloud cuckoo land." John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said that the government's rejection of the offer was a major missed opportunity.

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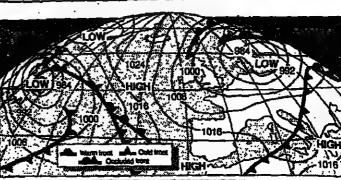
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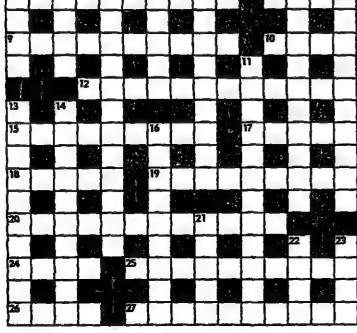
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,440



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1 A cross can't come to grief ~ it's inviolable (10). 6 Hear athlete is puffed (4).

9 He's in poor shape when open-ing play? Hard cheese! (10). 10 This hospital will admit dolls. loo (4).

12 Literary giant lying drunk - hopelessly so (12). 15 Being so boring, it reduces tension in retorts (4).

17 Forgotten article found in tagliatelle, say (5). 18 Painter holding coal-scuttle is a girl... (5).

19 ...sort of dishy one Henry is attached to, yet unladylike (9), 20 Current course that comes with timest of chips? (12).

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25 This state provides exhibition of very little interest (10).

26 Formal procedure correctly reported (4). 27 Giving concert? (10).

As previously described, silver is hidden inside pudding... (4). 2 ... with firm approval of chef (4). 3 One will probably use all the rests, working on a big score

4 Early author's article on reversal of attitude (5).

5 Shift is detailed to attempt this mysterious process (9). 7 The daily habit of a kind of lizard? (6.4).

8 Why was I shy, awkward and thin? (5-5). 11 Herb no longer tended - that's foolish (6-6).

13 One needs a breather to read volumes (10).

14 Light-hearted wild antics in Open University, kept to a mini-

16 Not believing He is in the highest place? (9). 21 Music-maker for the sitting-

inadequate tip? (4). Man, for example, is left a foot short (4).

Coucise Crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard SMYTRIE a. A blacksmith's forge b. A collection of small things c. A spear wound EKKA

a. A one-horse carriage b. The Phoenician letter it. c. Out of doors ZAMPOGNA a. Egg-white and Marsala cream b. A double-droned bagpipe c. Neapolitan bareknuckle lighting KALONG a. The fox-bat b. A lake-but on stilts

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Answers on page 24

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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GENERAL Motors reported a \$2 billion loss in the third quarter after taking a \$2.1 billion charge to close four assembly plants that have been idle for more than two years (John Durie writes from New York).

The loss, the largest on record for the main vehicle producer in America, came after an operating profit in the quarter of \$109 million, which was down on the expected profits of \$235 million.

In the first nine months of this year, General Motors made a loss of £368 million compared with a profit of \$3.5

The result marks a dismal quarter for American car makers. In the first nine months of this year, profits for the three main American companies has fallen \$5.9 billion from the \$8 billion recorded in the same period last year.

McCaw mixed

McCaw, the American cellular telephone company where British Telecom bought a \$1.6 billion, 20 per cent, stake in July last year, reported higher revenues, and deeper losses, in the third quarter. The loss per share rose to 45 cents from 48 cents. Net losses were \$80 | \$100 million in reinsurmillion (\$44.9 million). Revenues rose to \$280.5 million (\$129.7 million). During the first nine months McCaw reported a profit per share of \$3.93 (loss \$1.61). Net profit was: \$711.1 million (loss \$230.1 million).

Pound falls

Sterling fell more than a plenning against the mark on strong morning talk of a besc rate cut that reduced money market interest rates to near 13.5 per cent and boosted share prices. But the Bank of England made it clear that no rate cut was imminent. Comment, page 29

Stock market, page 32

Reed slips

Reed International, the publishing group, saw pre-tax profits full from £127.8 million to £108.8 million in the the interim dividend is mised from 4.6p to 5p, and there is a scrip dividend alternative. Tempus, page 29

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major changes Page 30 INTEREST BATES

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GM loss of \$2bn ERM no cure for pay problem, says NEDC chief By Phillip Bassett principal competitors. In a paper for about 8 per cent. But the paper notes uct price and wage setting because it would not take into yesterday's quarterly meeting of the that this is still higher than the 5-6 behaviour.

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EARNINGS growth will fall by only about two percentage points if unemployment rises by as much as half a million over the next two years, according to an assessment by the National Economic Dev-

elopment Council. Even though the estimate is based on a possible rise in unemployment that might be politically unacceptable to the government in an election period, NEDC suggests that even after ERM entry, the UK will find it difficult to bring earnings growth down to the levels of its

yesterday's quarterly meeting of the tripartite NEDC, comprising government, employers and unions, Walter Eltis, NEDC director-general, questions whether pay bargainers in the UK will be able to reduce average wage increases to the

European level. The NEDC document, called Pay, Productivity and Employment: the Challenge of ERM Entry, says that within a year, price inflation in Britain is likely to fall to about 6 per cent. It says this will lead to the increase in average earnings falling from its present 10.25 per cent to

that this is still higher than the 5-6 per cent pay increases expected in France and Germany, and says the gap is still a "serious problem".

The government and the CBI hope that the discipline of ERM membership will exert strong downward pressure on pay, but the NEDC document suggests the evidence on this point from other countries is equivocal. While ERM entry significantly changed the attitude of wage-setters in Italy, NEDC says, in France "membership of the ERM appears not to have brought

In a separate paper and in a presentation on pay to the council, the CBI said the belief among employees, unions and some employers that forthcoming settlements should be "inflation-plus" was "alarmingly prevalent". It argued that all pay increases should be matched by performance improvements.

But without specifically mentioning the CBI's repeated pay and performance call, NEDC says in its document that the policy of pay increases earned only by productivity gains would be dangerous,

and retention needs, nor would it allow companies to use productivity improvements to fund greater competitiveness and lower prices.

Dr Eltis raises the delicate question that the government and the CBI might wish to explore the suggestion from some union leaders for more co-ordinated pay bargaining, including an economic assessment of the cost increases that would be afforded while remaining competitive.

Firms unprepared, page 28

Reuters shares fall after

By MARTIN WALLER SHARES in Reuters, the news agency and financial information group, tumbled 44p to 563p yesterday, their second day of heavy falls, after the group announced the delay of a crucial product launch. 300 job losses and a forecast of lower-than-expected current year profits.

The company was immediately embroiled in a dispute over a news report on Tuesday, when speculation of impending bad news chipped the shares by 52p to 607p. which suggested no profits ters subsequently issued a denial of the report but this was not seen by all market-

Reuters says it is cutting 300 jobs, 200 of them in this country and mainly at its London corporate centre It is again postponing the launch of phase two of its Dealing 2000 automated trading system for foreign exchanges

Glen Renfrew the managing director, said the job losses would cost £10 million and leave pre-tax profits for the year to end-December 1990 at £320 million, which is below market expectations

The Reuters share price has fallen from above £13 in July as sentiment for the former stock market high-flyer has turned bearish, particularly in New York, because of its

exposure to securities dealing. A spokesman said the de-lays on Dealing 2000 were to do with work still to be done in writing the software.

The delay means Dealing 2000 will not now appear until some months into 1991 at least. But the market was also concerned with Mr Renfrew's remarks about future trading uncertainty Patrick Wellington, an analyst at County NatWest, the broker, had trimmed his forecast for this year by £10 million to £325 million pre-tax before the announcement. He further reduced his 1991 estimate to E340 million, from in excess of £380 million.

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Lilley launches enquiry into London United

By NEIL BENNEIS BANKING CORRESPONDENT

surance group, to examine the payment of up to ance commissions to three Liechtenstein and German-based companies.

Price Waterhouse, LUI's administrator, has meanwhile issued High Court writs against three former directors, including Ronnie Driver, the former chairman, to recover the payments.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, has appointed Angus Gilroy, a partner at BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, to investigate LUL where Prince Michael of Kent was a director. The department will also appoint a lawyer to the

Mr Gilroy will concentrate



ning Polly Peck International,

postponed plans to travel on

million of Polly Peck funds

Mr Stone left Heathrow at

3.55pm on a scheduled British

Airways flight to Istanbul. It is

not expected that Asil Nadir.

the Polly Peck chairman, will

Mr Stone said the main

purpose of his trip was to talk

to the Turkish government.

My job on this visit is to

bring the Turkish government

up to date with what we are

trying to achieve in the admin-

istration and to seek their

are held on deposit.

THE trade department on a series of reinsurance commission payments made to the first commission payments ma year. The payments came to light in a report on LUI from Price Waterhouse, the accountant-Colin Bird and Alan Barrett from Price Waterhouse were appointed as LUI's administrators in May.

> Price has issued writs against Mr Driver, Peter Wilson, LUI's former chief exec-utive, and Henry Weavers, a former director. It is also suing two other individuals, who are unconnected with LUI, and three companies in Germany and Linchtenstein.

Mr Gilroy said he planned to complete his investigation within several months.

He said the size of the commission payments was material to the group, and amounted to tens of millions of dollars since the Seventies.

Part of the DTI investigation may look into the relationship between LUI and its subsidiary Russell Reinsurance, Russell Re was founded by Mr Driver and his associates in 1977 and had a loose trading arrangement with Walbrook, LUI's main underreinsured a series of risks May. written by Russell for other

central to the investigation. The investigation will instead concentrate on Weavers' European connections. Neither Mr Driver nor

Messra Wilson and Weavers declared a relationship with still owed up to £40 million.

Polly Peck administrator

flies to talks in Turkey

By MATTHEW BOND

tion. Having had his applica-

courts three weeks ago, Mr

review of that decision. On

Tuesday, the SFO raided the

Mayfair offices of Polly Peck,

prompting an angry protest from Mr Nadir.

Mr Stone said he planned to

meet certain bankers and

probably representatives of

the Turkish stock exchange

and a full or partial sale of the

remaining equity in Vestel

may be planned as part of the

reconstruction of Polly Peck.

financial regime in Turkey to

see how that can best be used

to assist in the restructuring of

"We will want to look at the

RICHARD Stone, one of the the Serious Fraud Office to tell

three administrators now run- him the basis of the investiga-

has flown to Turkey but has tion turned down by the

to northern Cyprus, where it is Nadir's lawyers will apply to believed that up to £140 the High Court for a judicial

Today Mr Nadir is expected both Vestel and Meyna," he

shares in Russell to LUI, along with a \$300,000 dividend. The directors said they did not believe they had a beneficial interest in Russell Re which needed to be reported under the Companies Act.

The problems at LUI became public last March, when its shares were suspended after the DTI asked Walbrook to stop trading, and six of the group's subsidiaries stopped paying claims. A preliminary report from Tillinghast, the actuary, had revealed shortfalls in six of the group's underwriting subsidiaries' claims reserves.

LUI specialised in American liability insurance. This was highly profitable in the Seventies, but more recently the group had been hit by a rising tide of claims from asbestosis and environmental damage. LUI has 22 billion in estimated claims liabilities, payable in the next 25 years.

Tillinghast's full report showed the group had a short-fall of up to £100 million in its reserves. LUI was forced to writing subsidiary. Walbrook call in the administrators in

Price Waterhouse's report on the company said three of Mr Gilroy said that the the group's subsidiaries Russell Re affair was not should be sold, and the others wound up. Walbrook is now paying only old claims from reserves and not writing new business. LUI's creditors, including Barclays Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland, are

In Turkey, Mr Stone will

also meet the investigative

team from his firm, Coopers &

Lybrand Deloitte, the

They have already made good progress at Vestel, Polly

Peck's 82 per cent-owned

electronics subsidiary quoted

But the Coopers team has

faced some difficulties. The problem is Meyna, Polly

Peck's Turkish food distribu-

tion group, which though based in Turkey has two

residents of northern Cyprus

These two directors have

prevented the accountants

gaining access to Meyna's

accounts. They feel con-

strained by a injunction

granted by a northern Cyprus

court blocking access to Polly

on its board.

on the Istanbul exchange.



call offers half-price fares perk

From LINDSAY COOK IN PAS-DE-CALAIS

HALF-price travel on Eurotunnel shuttle trains will be offered as a perk to people taking up rights issue shares. The price of the shares is expected to be announced tomorrow and £500 million is to be raised by the issue.

The fully underwritten fares are expected to be heavily discounted. Shares and perks will be available to new investors. as well as to the 100.000 British Eurotunnel shareholders.

The minimum rights shares investment is £160, which will buy a small number of halfprice journeys. The number will rise in six stages until there is 50 years' travel for a £5,000 investment. When the company, chaired by Alastair Morion, was floated, nontransferable free travel was offered to investors. The rights perk can be assigned.

Colin Kirkland, technical director of Eurotunnel, said fares for the link would be at a discount to other means of crossing the Channel. He also suggested they would be arranged so that they are higher during stormy weather, as the link would be offering a premium service when other means of crossing the Channel might not be available.

£500,000 credit largely Sales rose 6.2 per cent to because most of M&S's

tailer,/reassured the market cent to 5.4p. and gave the nervous stores sector a boost when it announced pre-tax profits up 10.3 per cent at £230 million (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Operating profits rose by

4.4 per cent, but the £11.8 million interest charge has 8.1 per cent at 2p The shures been transformed into a rose 6p to 235p

MARKS and Spencer, Brit- £2.658 billion and earnings borrowings are at low interest ain's largest high street re- per share rose from 8.7 per rates in the US and the cash it generates is on deposit at high interest rates in the UK The interim dividend is up

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A BREAKTHROUGH **FOR BRITAIN**

YOU COULD SHARE IN IT

Eurotungel's transport system is planned to be operational in 1993 Over 70 miles of tunnels have now been bored, out of a total of 94 miles

In the service tunnel, one of three tunnels which will link the UK and France, the British and French tunnel boring machines have now established contact by a 120 yard probe - the first land contact in recorded history between Britain and continental Europe.

Eurotunnel will revolutionise the UK's passenger and freight transport links with continental Europe and you could share in it. A rights issue of new Eurotunnel shares is planned for later this month. Shareholders and new investors who participate may be eligible for new travel privileges

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to renew his attempts to get said. Peck assets on the island. Gas to play generation game

British Gas will be supplying the biggest

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

power stations and become a big player in the electricity generation market.

that proposals were being examined for three stations in partnership with electricity supply companies. The 12 state-owned supply companies are due for privatisation this month. The fourth proposal, for one of two possible sites in southern England, was for a station to be financed and run by British Gas alone. John Wilson, electricity analyst at

UBS Phillips & Drew, said the British

Gas move could pose a competitive

threat to National Power and PowerGen,

the two state-owned generators sched-

uled for public flotation in February.

as a competitor makes absolute sense.

"For British Gas to come into the market

programme by the mid-Nineties.

He told an Institute of Energy conference in London that electricity generaencourage diversity of supplies.

generation, believing supplies were limited and should be husbanded for domestic use. But superior thermal efficiency, lower capital and running costs, and limited emissions made gas a cheaper and "greener" method of power generation than coal burning. Mr Evans said the time at which

additional gas supplies become available would affect the gas plant construction programme, but there was no danger of British Gas predicts that 15 new gas

power stations are likely to be built by 1997, providing 7,000-8,000 megawatts of capacity. Of that, about 4,000mw would replace existing coal plant. The rest would meet additional electricity

tion was likely to account for half of the 2 per cent a year rise in demand for gas forecast for the next two decades. Mr Evans said there was no danger of any

Until recently, governments dis-couraged the use of natural gas for power

component of generating cost, which is fuel. British Gas can get very much BRITISH Gas is planning to build four cheaper gas than anybody else." He added that with gearing at just 22 per cent, the company could easily fund Bob Evans, chairman, said yesterday a major capital investment programme. National Power, by contrast, could face a funding shortfall on its investment

Mr Evans also revealed plans for British Gas to provide expertise and financial packages, possibly including management and leasing deals, for companies and public authorities wanting to set up their own small combined heat and power stations.

gas running out.

recommended the offer.

The bid by Brierley Investments went unconditional this week despite frequent assur- Britain's 111 trust ports to tradition of public involveances from the Brierley camp. which had never wanted to vate companies and issue make the approach until it was shares are likely to be outlined forced to by the Takeover on Wednesday. Code rules, that it substantially undervalued Mount

St James's NAV

The net asset value of St James's Place Capital, the former J Rothschild Holdings investment and fund management group, was 78.4p a share at the end of the six months to September. The figure is not comparable with that in March because about half the group's assets were demerged into Bishopsgate Growth Unit Trust in August.

JMD deficit

JMD Group, supplier of greetards and novely products, suffered pre-tax losses of £768.000 during the six months to end-June. Comparable figures, showing a profit of £158,000, relate to the John Michael Design consultancy, which has been sold. There is no interim dividend UBS warning

Robert Studer, chief executive

of Union Bank of Switzerland, which owns Phillips & Drew. the London securities house. says the bank will not match last year's profits

VTR edges up

VTR, the video and audio services company quoted on the USM, reports a 2.2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.3 million for the year ended August 31. A final dividend of 2.2p makes 3.3p, an increase of 10 per cent.

Bioplan's £1 m

Bioplan Holdings, the healthcare group that reversed into Cooks Industries, in April. reports pre-tax profits of Li million for the six months to end-September.

Blackland loss

Blackland Oil reduced net losses from £174,000 to £58,000 during the six months to the end of Junc.

Charlotte | Privatisation | to Brierley plan for ports notels group which has succumbed to Sir Ron Brierley's £644 million "inadvertent" takeover bid, has reluctantly recommended the offer

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

PROPOSALS that will allow carnation of a centuries-old convert themselves into pri-

Confirmation that the enabling legislation will be passed in the next parliamentary session is expected in the Queen's speech at the state opening of Parliament.

With assets estimated at £500 million, the ports promise a mouth-watering source of privatisation revenue for the Treasury. Although no-one theoretically owns the trust ports, the Treasury is likely to take more than two-thirds of any money raised by flotation.

Many ports are keen to convert. They say that the abolition of the dock labour scheme last year precipitated a competitive free-for-all in which they are unfairly handicapped. However, the aboli-tion also brought about a sharp improvement in ports' profitability,

The trust ports handle about half of Britain's over-seas trade. In 1989, they imported and exported 480 million tonnes of goods worth about £162 billion.

ment in port facilities. Each has its own act of Parliament which sets out its responsibilities to conserve navigation and limits its spread of commercial activities. They are run by a mixture of executive officers and government appointees.

Sullom Voe, the oil terminal in the Shetlands, is the biggest by tonnage of cargo handled. The Port of London Authority is the second largest, with Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority

The government's forthcoming white paper was triggered by pressure from the ports as much as by ideology.

Two authorities. Clyde Port Authority and Tees & Hartle-pool, initiated private members bills to enable them to convert themselves into companies and offer their shares to employees and the public. Those bills are expected to receive royal assent next

At least one other authority, the Medway Ports Authority in Kent, has now indicated that it wants company status.

They are the present in- Whipping up a storm, page 29

Mixed results for oil independents

By MARTIN BARROW

mixed interim results.

tax for the six months to end- dividend. June, recovering from losses of In£333,000 for the first half net losses of In£764,000 for the credits now that most Petroleum Revenue Tax refunds have been exhausted. There is again no dividend.

Tullow Oil, which has in-Yemen and the UK, made a dividend.

THREE Irish-based indepen- net loss of Ir£47,967 during dent oil companies with grow- the six months to end-June. ing interests overseas reported against income of Ir£41.413. Aran Energy made profits of share, compared with earnings of 0.05p. There is again no

of 1989. But earnings fell from same period against a deficit 0.16p a share to 0.12p because of ir£3.16 million last year, of a sharp decline in tax after a gradual return to production in the Claymore oilfield in the North Sea, in which the company has a 0.5 per cent interest. Losses were reduced from 1.66p a share to terests in Senegal, Pakistan, 0.32p. Again there is no



Fenner forecasts cut

PROFIT forecasts for Fenner, 8.55p (8.1p). Earnings rose 10 the power transmissions and conveyor belung maker, were downgraded after a cautious trading statement from Peter Barker, the chairman (above). Fenner announced pre-tax profits up 21 per cent at £16.1 million for the year ended September I. A final dividend of 5.1p (4.9p) makes a total of

Sales of unit

trusts still

declining

By SARA McCONNELL

in September, reflecting inves-

tors continuing uncertainty in

equity markets during the

per cent to 22.32p a share. Barclays de Zoete Wedd reduced its forecast for the current year from £17 million pre-tax to £15.5 million after Mr Barker said sterling's strength would affect exports. Smith New Court, Fenner's broker, maintains its forecast at £16.5 day is expected to begin in million. Tempns, page 29 December 1991.

Division closed in Barclays shake-up

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

SALES of unit trusts fell again the face of the Gulf troubles and a 10 per cent drop in reorganisation prompted by a markets division. report from McKinsey, the management consultants,

The Unit Trust Association The bank is dividing into reports a 9.9 per cent fall in total funds under management in September to £44.8 billion. Gross sales were down to £511 million from £593.1 million in August. Total re-purchases of £828.2 million resulted in a net outflow of £317.2 million. The number of unitholders clays capital and risk also fell to 4.73 million. management departments will

three divisions. Banking, the largest, will include all retail and commercial lending business. The treasury department

ment banking offshoot, to form a markets and investment banking division. 'Bar-

BARCLAYS Bank is merging be moved into a separate finance division, to avoid closing its corporate banking potential conflicts of interest division in a worldwide with the trading activity of the

for Staffa

oilfield

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE energy department has

approved plans to develop the Staffa oilfield in the North

Sea. First oil from the field is

expected late next year at production rates of 8,000 bar-

rels a day.

The field is 460km north-

east of Aberdeen, just 10km east of the Ninian oilfield.

Recoverable reserves are esti-

mated at 10 million barrels of

Partners in block 3/8b. which contains the Staffa

field, are Lasmo North Sca.

the operator, with a 60 per

cent interest, and Ranger Oil

(UK), which holds the

outstanding 40 per cent. Ranger has an 11.5 per cent interest in the Ninian field.

The field will be developed

using two sub-sea production

wells linked by pipeline to the

Ninian southern platform, where oil will be processed and transported through exist-

ing pipeline facilities to the Sullom Voe terminal. Gas from Staffa will be sold to owners of the Ninian field for

use as fuel. Development cost will be \$40 million.

Ranger, as operator, has also received development ap-

proval for the Anglia offshore

gas field in the southern gas

basin, in which it has a 35.6

per cent interest. Partners include Conoco. Elf Oil and Gas. Amerada Hess and Tri-

ton Resources. Production of 50 million cubic feet of gas a

oıl-equivalent

The board hopes the reorganisation will be completed by April The moves will cause job losses, in particular among the 600 treasury staff.

Sir John Quinton will conwill be merged with Barclays tinue as chairman in the de Zoete Wedd, the invest-reorganised bank. The banking division will be headed by Alastair Robinson, the market division by Sir Martin Jacomb and Brian Pearse will be the

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Clearance [US firm to pay £11m for Klark-Teknik

KLARK-Teknik, the USM electronic products manufacturer and distributor, is being acquired by Mark IV Industries, the American manufacturing group, for £11 million. Shareholders are being offered 69p a share, representing a 38 per cent premium to the Klark-Teknik share price on Oct 24, the last day when trading in the shares was recorded before a "bid talks" announcement three days ago. The shares moved up 5p to 68p on the announcement. There is a loan note alternative. Acceptances for the recommended offer have already been received for 52.4 per cent of the shares.

Klark-Teknik also announced pre-tax profits of £1.6 million for the year to end-July, a 42 per cent increase on 1989. Turnover increased 55 per cent to £10.6 million. A special interim 1.2p dividend has been declared in lieu of a final dividend for the year, making a 1.95p total (1.4p).

Rowe Evans profits slide

LOWER commodity prices for palm oil and rubber, coupled with adverse ex-change rate movements, meant reduced profits at Rowe Evans Investments, the plantation group. In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits were £290,000

Bertam down 40% at half PRE-TAX profits at Bertam

Holdings, the West Malaya plantations operator, fell by the six months to end-June, compared with £560,000 for the same period last year. There is no interim divitax profits were £290,000 dend. Oil palm and fresh (£1.74 million). Earnings fell fruit yields were up considfrom 2.98p to 0.41p. The erably. No significant price company does not pay an movements are expected for interim dividend. the remainder of the year,

Telegraph ahead 3%

PRE-TAX profits at The Daily Telegraph, publisher of The Daily Telegraph. Sunday Telegraph and The Spectator, rose 3 per cent to £29.7 million in the first nine months.

The rise follows higher profits from associated printing companies and a higher profits from associated printing.

companies and a big increase in investment income, which rose from £1.1 million to £3.9 million, reflecting the positive cash position. However, the increase in pre-tax profits was accompanied by a tenfold increase in the tax charge, which rose to £8.3 million as the company used up remaining tax losses. Sales fell from £175 million to £167 million, and operating profits by 23 per cent to £24 million.

Classic car trader loss

Automobiles of Distinction, ENSIGN Trust, the invest-Third Market classic car trader, has reported a £114,000 pre-tax loss for the half year to end-May, its first six months of trading, and has announced it is engaged in "advanced bid talks". The range of motor activities". investment portfolio.

Ensign Trust assets fall

ment manager controlled by the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund, suffered a 24 per cent fall in net assets per share to 85p in the year to end-September. Final dividend is maintained at 1.3p. company said classic car values declined sharply during 1990 and it is looking to diversify into "a broader slump in the value of its

Outhwaite cash call

THE 880 members of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, representing Lloyd's members involved with underwriting syndicates hit by massive asbestos damage claums, have approved a £3 million commitment to finance a legal claim against more than 80 Lloyd's members' agents.
At the first annual general meeting of the association, at Westminster Central Hall, members unanimously gave the go-ahead to a cash call to raise about £700.000 to cover costs. A further £2.3 million is to be made available by members to cover legal costs if the association loses its case.

Postage Stamp Contest

Second Postage Stamp Design Contest

Sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Award (for postage stomp design) 2 entries from each division: Award: ¥1,000,000 for division A / ¥500,000 for division B Excellence Award 10 entries from each division: Award: ¥300,000 for division A / ¥150,000 for division B

50 entries from each division: Award: Commemorative Items with a value of ¥30,000

Application Outline

Disigian A - for those aged 19 or over as of January 31, 1991 Division 6 - for those aged 18 or under as of January 31, 1991 Submission of Entries

 There are no limitations regarding theme. Entires must be original and previously unreleased designs. Entries chosen for use as postage stamps may be partially

modified or tommed. Award-winning entries may also be used for postcards and more letters (domestic version of perograms) upon the consent ci the artist. The copyright and ownership of all award-winning entries

shall belong to the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications. Award-winning entries may also be used for the purpose of PR in magazines and exhibitions of the Ministry of Posts & elecommunications.

 Regular entries will be returned if requested after the contest. Award-winning entnes, however, will not be returned. Regulations

 \bullet entries must be enclosed within a space of 200 mm $\times\,150$

discretion of the artist, figures indicating stamp postage and year of issue as well

cannot appear on the entry. Submission Procedure

mm on a piece of 260 mm × 210 mm paper.

 The aesign can be arrented either vertically or horizontally. Selection of drawing and coloring materials is at the as letters and/or characters denoting the issuing country

 There is no limit to the number of submissions. The following items must be affixed to the back of the entry

and mailed to the address below. Division, Title of the entry, Full name, Age (as of January 3), 1991), Sex, Phone No., Address, Country, and Whether or not you want your entry returned.

Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Stamps and Correspondence Promotion Division "Postage Stamp Design Contest" 100-90 Tokyo, Japan.

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Announcement of the Results All winners will be directly notified of the results by the end of

Hisao Isada/Kohei Sugiura/Mae Nagata, and others **Award Presentation Coremony**

Winners of the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Award and Excellence Award will be invited to Tokyo for the award presentation ceremony, which will be held on the "Special Postage Stamp Issuing Day" (May 31, 1991).

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Scottish Heritable warning By MARTIN WALLER

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust, MORE than half British com- to prepare for 1992. However, the owner of Standard, Britain's only fireworks maker, has issued a profits warning, forecasting pre-tax losses of £5.5 million in the year to end-December along with hefty

below the line provisions. The shares, now at a tenth of their value a year ago. slipped 1p to 13p on the news. The company said it was in talks with its bankers and was optimistic about putting together a debt restructuring package this week.

Scottish Hentable, whose interests include property, housebuilding, hospital beds, golf clubs and oriental carpets, expects to lose £1.7 million in the second half and report extraordinary losses at the vear-end to cover the closure of its property division and of a small modular housing division in Alabama.

A property sale in America pany says it is looking at alternative disposals to cut debts, estimated by analysts at over £75 million.

Standard should exceed last year's £1.5 million profits, but carpets could lose £2 million and hospital bed manufacturing is losing money.

Cullens is back in the black

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

CULLENS Holdings, the grocery store business, has made its first pre-tax profit in five years, due to a new type of franchising scheme intro-duced by Peter Matthews, the chief executive.

The group made a profit of £339.000 compared to a loss of £317,000 for the six months to end-August. Turnover was £863,000 compared with £6.33 million, and earnings per share were 1.3p compared with a loss per share of 1.3p. There is no interim dividend. Under the partnership scheme, shop operators have a share in the profits and contribute a profit and loss account on a monthly basis. The turnover figure for the first half of the current year represents the profit contribution from the stores under the

partnership scheme. Mr Marthews has handed over the role of chairman to Robert Rayne but remains chief executive. The shares were unchanged at 34p.

Firms unprepared | Bett Bros for single market By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

panies have failed to take action to prepare for the EC single market in 1992. Almost a quarter still believe their husinesses will be unaffected by the single market.

The trade and industry department is interviewing 100 managers in private sector companies each week about their readiness for 1992. Survey figures of 2,869 interviews, in the six months to June, were given to yesterday's National Economic De-

velopment Council meeting. The report says: There are a large number of small- and medium-sized companies plications of the single market for their activities if they are to remain competitive."

Of companies surveyed, 57 per cent have taken no action and parliament's role.

13 per cent of those intend to take action, while 9 per cent have looked at 1992 and decided that preparatory action would be inappropriate. Twenty-three per cent of

companies claim that the single market will not affect them, 5 per cent say they are "too busy" to think about preparations and 4 per cent say they are unaware of plans for the single market. The survey also shows that Britain is now behind only

Denmark in implementing 1992 measures. Of 107 due to be in place by 1990 only 18 have not been implemented. which may not be doing In a business agenda for enough to evaluate the im-Europe, the CBI acknowledges several issues are coming into focus from the EC, including the implications of the single market for British sovereignty

dividend lifted 10%

By MARTIN BARROW

The company, which also owns nine public bouses and two hotels, has declared a final dividend of 4.3p a share for a total of 6.4p for the year to the end of August, against 5.8p for the previous 12 months.

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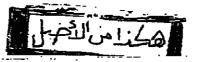
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Britain's longest running corporate soap, Eurotunnel (a story of power, money, international politics and boardterritory production in the confoom drama) reached another cliffhanging climax this week.

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From the British side (where else?) highly trained technocrats drilled a hole that reached France. This was not the tunnel itself, but a small bore which extended beyond the face of the tunnelling machine which is creeping steadily towards France.

On the far side, Frenchmen anxious to catch their first gasp of Kentish air, accelerated their digger until it uncovered the little hole. The two countries were thus united, and the Continent was no longer cut off from the mainland.

The meeting of the two tunnels, albeit through a 150 metre hole only three inches in diameter, will put to an end the old jokes about the tunnels missing and the company getting two for the price of one.

It also marks the end of one of the speculative phases through which the tunnel project will pass, just as it has to pass through the various layers of the earth's crust. The geological risk can now

A mousehole through to France

be written out of the share price. A tunnel is not only feasible, it has been done, even though parts of it are only mouse-sized.

Other technical risks are out of the reckoning. The new piece of Kent constructed just along the coast from Dover Harbour is nearly complete, absorbing the millions of tons of chalk spoil taken out behind the boring

The great terminals at either end are now recognisable by their earthworks, roadbuilding and loading bridges. The sea has remained outside and the White. Cliffs have retained their stability. So long as the railway works and the newly designed rolling stock does not suffer the fate of the tilting train, there will be an operating tunnel.

But not all the risk elements have passed from the shares. Although funds are in place to complete the project, that is on current estimates of cost with a considerable amount of head-

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

room. The sums could still go have held up despite the wrong. Current shareholders still do not know at what price the new shares will be offered. Hence they do not know the level of

Finally, there is the greatest risk of all, will enough people use it to justify the price-tag, especially when the English side is dogged by the fiasco of the fast rail link? The omens are inconclusive. There is considerable public interest in the project, and 600,000 people have visited the exhibition centre at the Folkestone terminal site. Whether they will put their cars into Eurotunnel's wagons or drive along the coast to the Dover ferries is anyone's guess at the moment. Traffic forecasts

recession. The oil price moves against the ferries and air.

Depending on one's point of entry, Eurotunnel shares have been a fabulous investment or an abominable disaster. They collapsed 100p to 250p on their first of dealings. subsequently zoomed into the £12 area before falling back again. No matter what price is picked for the new tranche, they will continue to be volatile. But the risks on this second public equity offering are considerably

less than first time around. The "breakthrough" has been timed perfectly to coincide with the equity issue, and the programme of further breakthroughs, handshakes, picture

opportunities and goodness knows what else should be enough to keep the momentum of interest up for many a month. Not for widows. Not for orphans, Unless, of course, they like a bit of fun and holidays in France.

Wait for it

The markets had decided by mid-morning that the Chancellor would cut interest rates immediately in the wake of CBI blues. Sterling futures for December assumed a rate of just under 13 per cent and, more presumptuously, genuine three month money fell 0.25 per cent to about 13.5 per cent. Speculation of an announcement was fuelled by lack of action by the Bank of England over the predicted money shortage.

Surely, said the men with the fevered brows, the Bank was holding back to reveal a rate cut. As if to settle the matter, the

French announced a quarter point cut, removing any lingering fear of a German rate rise today. This thinking did wonders for the stock market, but nothing for sterling, which limped steadily down to below its central rate against the mark,

In the event, the Bank dug in its heels and punished the banks. eventually charging a penal overnight rate for money. "Don't push us" was the message. But will John Major jump?

Sterling's disbelieving reaction was a warning that the Chancellor's anti-inflation credentials have still to be proved under pressure. Predicting a 13 per cent base rate in mid-December is a fair bet, given the first real break in retail price inflation will be announced then. The trickier question is whether Mr Major will be tempted to jump the gun and help the electricity share sale. The next money supply figures, due on November 20, will give a tempting opportunity. Today, analysts may well be able to predict from the weekly figure that they will bring year on year growth of M0 below 4 per cent.

CONVERSION of up to 50 trust ports to the private sector ing port authorities to cope with problems unforeseen in

the statutes that set them up. The Clyde and the Tees & Hartlepool authorities, which have pioneered the move, illustrate both problems and

According to Tees & Hartlepool, the pressures favouring conversion are threefold.

With the dock labour

scheme defunct, ports are free to trim their workforces and seek efficient operating practices. Pressure for cost savings is rising as port customers seek a competitive edge ahead of 1992's single European mar-

Finally, the trust ports face aggressive competition from Associated British Ports Holdings, the former state-owned operator privatised in 1983. Because Britain is a rel-

atively small island, the operators say, there is intense competition between ports for many types of cargo.

The legislation founding the trust ports placed tight limits on their activities, effectively limiting them to "port-related within the geographical confines of the port area: fine when the port business is booming fatally restrictive when trading pat-terns shift and the business

In common with most, if not all, west coast British ports, the Clyde authority has seen an enormous decline in significance over the past two decades, as the country turns its trading face increasingly

towards continental Europe. The problem is going to worsen rather than improve. Earlier this year, British Steel announced the closure of the hot strip mill at the Ravensimpact of the now expected total closure of the works

would be disastrous. Only by developing new profit streams could the port have any long-term chance of operating commercially.

But in a speech in 1988. Paul Channon, then the transport secretary, said that any pre-tax profits. Its main cus- government does not formally

Ports aim to whip up a storm in the private sector



'Taxpayers must be repaid': Patrick McLoughlin

for increased powers would be granted only if the ports were prepared to accept a greater level of accountability. for example through incorpora-

A year ago, Clyde became the first to seek incorporation, through a private bill spon-sored by a local MP. Tees & Hartlepool was quick to

Once incorporated, they will be free to issue shares to private investors.

According to Hill Samuel, Clyde's financial adviser, the shares will be sold to managecraig steel plant, which pro-vides about 40 per cent of the and future, probably using an Clyde port's business. The employee share ownership plan (Esop), as well as local investment institutions.

Tees & Hartlepool has appointed NM Rothschild to devise a share issue, and contemplates a public flotation after about five years. In the year to March. Tees & Hartlepool made £40 million conversion. Even though the

requests from the trust ports tomers include ICI, Philips North Sea, British Steel and

> Alex Finlay, of Tees & Hartlepool, said lifting restrictions on the authority's activities will enable it to diversify into related fields, providing a better service for customers. The model for its development is All Ports.

> She said: "We will be able to provide a complete service with our own lorries, warehousing and freight-forwarding operations."

Local property markets will also be affected as the sales will allow the huge, hitherto largely untouched, property portfolios owned by the ports to be commercially devel-

Tees & Hartlepool, which plans a development arm, has 2,500 acres of land, including perhaps 1,000 acres which are operations.

But there is a snag to

own the trust ports, it is claiming most of the proceeds from any sales to the private

Patrick McLoughlin, the shipping and aviation minister, said ports had received government grants and taxpayers will have to be repaid in some form. The demand has shocked and surprised Clyde's board, which was given no prior warning, and says the demand has thrown its financial projections into confusion.

The two sides are still in negotiations over the condition, though George John-ston, Clyde's director and secretary, said: "I would not tike to put too strong an emphasis on our chances. Diccussions are on-going and we are doing our best to talk the government figure down."

Clyde argues that "the more the government takes, the less flexible we can be in our capital structure and more vulnerable we will be to predators. The more options we have in the ways we restructure, the more we can attract the right sort of people

Even so, the chances are that some time next year, the Clyde Port Authority will become the first trust port to offer shares to outside investors since these ports were founded a century ago.

Probably the most triguing and contentious will be the Port of London Authority (PLA), which has juris-Teddington to Tilbury. The accounts of the PLA si considerable improvement in profitability may be achieved. The dock labour scheme. which compelled ports to employ many more workers than they wanted and preserved strict job demarcation, was abolished in July 1989.

Before abolition, Tilbury, the main PLA port, had a workforce of 1,750. Its 1989 payroll of £30.5 million swallowed a large chunk of its £45 million turnover. The workforce has now fallen to 1,000 surplus to the needs of its port and all job demarcation has

> JONATHAN PRYNN and ROSS TIEMAN

M&S shrugs off doubters

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TALK of Marks and Spencer's fallibility last week was exaggerated. Britain's largest high street retailer still weathers the storm better than most.

Interim pre-tax profits to end-September rose 10.3 per cent to £230 million. Sales rose 6.2 per cent to £2.66 billion and earnings per share 8.7 per cent to 5.4p. The dividend is up 8.1 per cent at 2p.

However, the figures masksome disturbing trends. Clothing sales per square foot fell in real terms. Profits at Brooks Brothers, the American menswear retailer, fell from \$8.1 million to \$1.5 million, while Kings Super Markets, the American food business, saw profits fall from \$6.6 million to \$5.4 million. The Canadian businesses are all still losing. In Britain, fin-

ancial services profits fell

from £3.6 million to £1.1 miltion and home furnishings continue to face a difficult market. On the positive side, last year's £11.8 million interest charge has disappeared. Profits in the European business are up 40.4 per cent at £8 million. British food sales

In difficult conditions, the property market to increase its trading space by 3.4 per cent. M&S is expected to have a more difficult second half. Phillips & Drew estimates that

million for the year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 15, a significant premium to the sector. But M&S is one of the few reliable performers in a volatile sector and the shares are worth hanging on to.

FENNER is an engineering stalwart that has been around long enough to know what it takes to ride out a recession. A new management team is in place but there are clear signs that the company is not about to shed its conservative image. The new boys have shown

pre-tax profits will be £650

that they are prepared to take painful decisions to keep the company on the right tracks by closing a Scottish conveyor belung facility at a cost of £3.2 million. Gearing of 47 per cent is not to be ignored and tight cost controls are the order of the day, if interest cover is to took advantage of the flat be maintained at 4.7 times.

company has done all that was expected of it by delivering pre-tax profits up 21 per cent end-August. Earnings were 10 per cent higher at 22.32p a

A modest dividend rise of 6 per cent to 8.55p a share indicates that this sterling performance is unlikely to be repeated in the current year. Industry here and oversens is delaying investment in capital goods and increased demand for maintenance and repair work will not make good the

Despite the high overseas content, earnings will, at best, be maintained this year, leaving the shares at 6.3 times' prospective earnings. In rel-

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firm signs of a resurgence in advertising revenues.

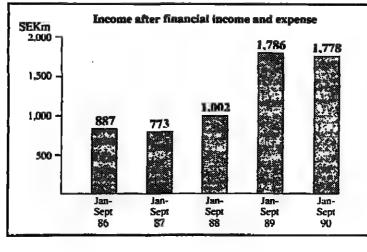
interim pre-tax profits £19 million lower at £108.8 million were greeted by the market with a 5p rise to 335p. The decline came from a £10.8 million expected seasonal loss to £16.1 million for the year to and interest payments from acquisitions, including the American legal publisher Martindale-Hubbell, a net £1.8 million lost because of the falling dollar. Comparison also suffered from £6.5 million of exceptional profits last time from the sale of Reuters

> The book side suffered from the downturn in consumer spending, with operating profits falling 19 per cent to £24 million. Consumer publishing had a boost from the purchase

Despite the exceptional element in the first half, it is hard to see Reed making good the ative terms, they are fully lost ground in the second and pre-tax profits may end up around £275 million, against £302 million last time. The shares now sell at a below-REED International was in average 9.4 times prospective cautious mood when it faced earnings and yield almost 6 City analysis yesterday. The per cent. Any further weak-shares have come off 140p ness and they will start to look from their high this summer, good value again, present and it can still not point to any uncertainty notwithstanding.

SKF Nine Months 1990

SKF nine months profit SEK 1.78 billion



Income after financial income and expense	. 1,778m	171m
Earnings per share	9.80	95p
Sales	21,077m	2,032m

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In favour of going Dutch

THE Netherlands is the natural choice for British companies setting up on the Continent for the first time. Such is the view of Sir James Cleminson, past CBI president and former chairman of Reckitt & Colman, who has spent much of his working life encouraging links with the Netherlands. "The Netherlands is one of the best places to start because it's near and most of the people speak excellent English," says Clem-inson, aged 69, who presented the ninth annual Anglo-Dutch Awards for Enterprise at the London Hilton yesterday. "It is our fourth biggest trading partner and a lot of companies start there." Cleminson, who steps down as chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board this month, passing the title to Sir Derek Hornby, former Rank Xerox (UK) chairman, has a long association with the country. A member of the 1st Airborne division in the second world war, he was awarded the military cross for saving the life of his commanding officer during the battle of Arnhem. Far from reducing his workload, he is now embarking on a project to belp save the Theatre Royal. Norwich, which is in urgent need of funds.

Winning streak

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JUST days after winning what may become its most lucrative assignment yet — the admin-

corporate finance team at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte seems destined for still greater things. For it has become the first team of professional advisers to reach the finals of the annual Business Challenge, sponsored jointly by the Institute of Directors and Lotus Development. "It seems quite appropriate that the largest corporate finance department should have got this far," says Majid Sadjadi, the team leader, adding that all the other finalists, including Burton, the retail group, are drawn from industry. "With Polly Peck we have gone some way towards demonstrating we can restructure a company," says Sadjadi, aged 32, who works under Richard Stone, head of corporate finance and a Polly Peck ad-



"Marks and Spencer? It's the slightly brighter spot."

istration of Polly Peck - the Ross. "Hopefully, the calibre that they had made a terrible of the team will pull us mistake. "The hands were too through," Sadjadi says. Com- big and the Adam's apples petitors in the challenge, which ends next Tuesday, manage fictional companies by drawing on their corporate skills. Polly Peck's directors and shareholders will no doubt take comfort from a Hillgarth's post Coopers victory. FROM a City stockbroker's circular to clients: "A recession

is when your neighbour loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job. And panic is when your wife loses her job."

Mistaken identity

THE talk of recession that has been gripping the City has driven some traders to desperate measures in their quest for entertainment. The point was proved on Tuesday evening when two institutional salesmen from Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, were seen making a hasty exit from a nightclub in the West End. The pair, Joe Nally and Andrew Morgan, who specialise in UK equities, had been enjoying a quiet glass or two of champagne at Xenon. a club develop in Europe." After in Piccadilly, central London, when they were joined by three exotic creatures who asked them to dance. Happy to oblige, and perhaps more than a little flattered by the proposal, they moved to the dance floor and entered into the spirit of the occasion. After home in France. some minutes, and on closer examination, Nally and Mor-

gan realised, to their horror,

were too pronounced," says a rival trader, who was enjoying a beer when he saw the pair

PETER Knapton, new head of UK equities at MIM Britan-

nia, is not alone in his fight to

improve prospects for the investment house. For, in the second high-level appointment this week, he has been ioined by Tristan Hillgarth. formerly of Framlington, who has been brought in to head a brand new European venture. Hillgarth, aged 41, has been appointed chief executive of Al-MIM International Asset Management, a new joint venture between the British group and Italy's largest financial services company. "! will be looking for Japanese and American cash and expect a lot of development within Europe," says Hillgarth, who. like Knapton, was introduced to MIM by Stephenson Cobbold, the headhunter. "IMI wants to expand overseas and MIM is keen to training as an accountant with Arthur Andersen, Hillgarth spent five years with Charterhouse Japhet before beginning his spell with Framlington. He is well placed to strengthen ties with Europe, since he was born in Spain, his wife is French, and he has a weekend

JON ASHWORTH

Laura Ashley to cut debt by £50m

Laura Ashley, meanwhile,

will be used in part to repay

existing loans which restrict

the group in disposing of its

right to appoint one non-

executive director to the

group, providing it retains a

The holding of Sir Bernard

Ashley, the chairman of Laura

Ashley, will be reduced to 59.2

refusal to buy a further 5 per cent of Laura Ashley should

Sir Bernard decide to sell

Acon has the right of first

10 per cent stake.

The deal will give Aeon the

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LAURA Ashley, the clothing and soft furnishings retailer, will see its borrowings reduced by £50 million to £38.7 million and net assets increased by £39.6 million to £112.5 million as a result of the £30 milhon Japanese rescue pack-

age announced in August. The group has set out the details of the complicated transaction that shareholders are expected to approve this

The central part of the deal is the subscription by The Aeon Group, the Japanese company, for 35.2 million new shares in Laura Ashley at 850 each.

Aeon is paying £29 million in cash for its 15 per cent stake. Shares in Laura Ashley, which were 49p when the deal was first announced, were unchanged at 72p yesterday.

In addition to the stake in

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The move means that Revman becomes an associated company of Laura Ash-ley, which will own 47.5 per a new £60 million loan that cent, while Revman's debt is taken off Laura Ashley's balance sheet.

Revman has renegotiated assets. its bank loans and is paying Laura Ashley £4.3 million in cash and £4.1 million of nonvoting redeemable preference stock. The total Revman deal is worth £20 million to Laura

Acon which has a 50/50 joint venture in Japan with Laura Ashley through its retail business, Jusco, is buying a further 10 per cent in the venture for £600,000. In addition to bolding a 40

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Industry paying for consumers' excesses

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industry we welcome the demechanism (ERM).

The decision to tie the pound more closely to our competitors is of course welcome as is the reduction of However, the reduction will have little impact on the conon the investment intentions of UK manufacturers. This has serious consequences for our members in the machine tool industry who supply the capital equipment needed for any growth in manufacturing

which should occur, balance of payments problem. As soon as possible we would urge the chancellor to lower the pound down to a more competitive level of DM2.77. Continuing high interest rates and exchange rates in Spain, for example, have led to a high

Sir, In common with other sure that they will wish to of differential interest rates. sectors of UK manufacturing avoid the embarrassment of unemployment rising towards the adverse effects of short-

come as is the reduction of government as the sole in-interest rates by one point. strument of policy despite the the Stock Exchange by making need to keep a check on wage settlements. This is especially sumer and more importantly so given the clear downward pressure on the money supply and the slump in retail sales. Given the government's

stated intention to encourage the growth of manufacturing industry, certainly there is a better way of curtailing excesses of consumer spending In welcoming the entry into the ERM we are sure that the rate of DM2.95 will not help the success of the economy as UK competitiveness or aid the a whole. We would recommend adoption of at least one of the following: a two tier value added taxation system, interest rates further to bring for example, as in France; changes to the system of corporation tax to increase retained earnings and thus provide extra funds for invest-

From the president of The level of unemployment. Giv-Machine Tool Technologies en the government's positive trols on the availability of conrecord on employment we are sumer credit through the use

We are equally concerned at cision by the chancellor to three million again in advance termism in the City which makes it difficult to obtain We would suggest, there-fore, that a policy of exces-ment in manufacturing. We sively high interest rates has would urge the chancellor to long ceased to be of use to the take all possible steps to remove the casino effect from short-term profiteering more difficult to achieve.

Despite ERM entry and the move towards lower interest rates we must stress that there is a distinct possibility that it may be a case of too little too late. These fears are not "squeals" or the product of "misery mongers". In contrast, in the face of continued increases in investment by overseas manufacturing industry we are simply being realistic. It would appear that UK manufacturing is now having to pay for the excesses of the consumer at precisely the time when it should be expanding. Yours sincerely. E.N. ADDISON.

President, The Machine Tool Technologies Association, ment, training and research 62 Bayswater Road, W2.

The recession is history, not news

From Mr A. Mole Sir, Today's news (October 24) that a survey has shown that Britain is in a severe recession has one worrving aspect that has been widely overlooked.

Those of us directly involved in industry and commerce - as opposed to those merely watching - have been experiencing the reality of this recession, and dealing with the horrific consequences, for the best part of a year.

This is not news - it is history. The real news is the fact that so many people, including government ministers, are only now waking up to the devastation which has been wrought on British industry, by high interest rates since

The remedies will be similarly delayed at our long-term

ASHLEY MOTE. Overdeans Court. Dippenhall. Farnham, Surrey.

Hotel booking policy discriminates

From The Rev Roger F. Ducker,

Sir. I read with astonishment that people who reserve house Forte hotels are liable to be moved out "to nearby hotels" with as little as 48 hours' notice, to make room for business travellers under the company's new Business Guarantee scheme (report, October 13).

This is surely an unwarrantable piece of discrimination against private individuals,

of their reservations will be made very clear to them at the time of booking - and not hidden away in the small

I fervently hope that such prospective patrons will choose to look elsewhere for their accommodation, where they can rely on hotels to honour their undertakings. Yours faithfully ROGER F. DUCKER. 281 Otley Road,

and I assume that the pro-

Cash flow and the cut in interest rates

From Mr P. Bellchambers Sir, As the owner of a very small manufacturing business started from scratch seven years ago without private capital, I was more than pleased when the chancellor cut interest rates.

Keen to assess the promised improvement in cash flow I contacted my bankers. Lloyds

They told me that contrary

borrowing rate would now be going up not down. There is nothing like a well

thought out monetary policy. Yours faithfully. PETER BELLCHAMBERS Thomas & Peters. Artists & Casters,

His Lordship agreed with that

His Loreship agreed with that conclusion. The majority decisions in *The Dione* ([1975] I Lloyd's Rep 115) and, perhaps, *The London Explorer* were, as he read them, authority binding on the court in support of the owners' argument. They also seemed to accord with general contractual principle.

His Lordship thought it plain

that "option" in line 15 was to be read as meaning "choice" or "right to elect". That was how the word was used in line 14 and

how it was generally used in charterparties.

option in line 15 was additional to the option in line 14. "Com-

plete", in his view, bore its ordinary meaning of "finish" and it could not be appro-

priately used save in relation to

something which has already started or begun.

in the absence of any contrary

"Further" conveyed that the

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Court of Appeal

Privilege excluded under Act

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Before Lard Justice Dillon and

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment October 17] A defendant to proceedings brought under the Banking Act

1487 was not entitled to claim reliance on the privilege against self-incrimination as a reason for not answering interrog-atories or disclosing documents. as that privilege was excluded by section 42 of the Act. The Court of Appeal so held

in dismissing an appeal by the first defendant Miss Carol Rikey from an order by Mr Justice Morniti that Miss Riley answer interrogationes and disorder of Mr Justice Mervyn Governor and Company of the Bank of England and Miss Riley and the second delendant.

Section 42 provides, "(1) Where the [Bank of England] has reasonable grounds for above the bank may ... require that person — (a) to provide such information as the bank may reasonably require for the purpose of in-testigating the suspected contravention. (b) to produce be specified being documents the production of which may be reasonably required by the book

"(4) Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a requirement imposed on him under this section . . . shall be guilty of an offence. . . " Mr Jonathan Acton Davis for

Before Lord Justice Nourse.

Lord Justice Russell and Sir

A legal adviser employed by the

local authority committed a serious contempt of court when

she instructed a social worker

engaged in the case to persuade a steplather to forgo his staying

access ordered by the wardship

judge The Court of Appeal so found

on the stepfather's application

contempt of court, should not be

permitted to appeal against the

ing the steplather to return to

the matrimonial home, such

return to be preceded by increas-

ing periods of access to the

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discretion in the interests of the

wards permitted the local au-

thority to proceed with its

appeal which was subsequently

Mrs Margaret Puxon, QC and

Mr Paul Mallender for the

stenfather: Mr James Townend,

dismissed.

Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment October 25]

In re P (Minors)

England instituted proceedings

claimed such privilege, in rela-tion both to the pending prosecution and to an anticipated prosecution pursuant to sections 3 and 35 of the 1987

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that between 1983 and 1989 Miss Riley ran two organisations in the course of which she obtained money from members of the public. In 1989 she was arrested and charged with 53 charges of obtaining money by deception

under the 1987 Act for injune from contravening section 3 of unauthorised acceptance of deposits) and from disposing of or otherwise dealing with any of their assets pending investigathe appointment of a receiver

order was designed to ascertain what assets Miss Riley had tion and documents in question privilege against self-

crimination.
Miss Riley subsequently

tions restraining the defendants the Act (prohibition of tion of suspected contraven-tions of section 3, and for orders

mentioned certain civil proceedings that had been brought against her.

QC and Miss Deborah Bangay for the local authority: Miss Eleanor Platt, QC and Miss Haylee O'Brien for the mother:

Mr Clive Newton for the guard-

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL

said that the judge's order, having provided for the step-

father's return on a specified date, also provided until then that at the local authority's

discretion he should have access

to the minors initially by visit-ing access, but during the

remainder of the period by

authority had applied for a stay

of the judge's order. Lord Justice

Purchas had refused that

legal adviser instructed the so-

cial worker to persuade the

steplather not to accord himself

October 19. Despite Mr

Townend's submission to the

contrary, the court was satisfied that the terms of the judge's

order were unambiguous.

Both Mr Justice Ward and

Lord Justice Purchas had in-

tended there to be staying access

Thereafter the local authority

On October 19 the local

staying weekend access.

ian ad litem.

within or outside the jurisdic-tion of the court. The order was made by consent because there was no dispute that the informawere relevant to the bank's claim, but it was made plain that

It was common ground that if

the privilege.

ursuant to section 48.
Mr Justice Mervyn Davies's

lay in the proper construction of

section 42 in its statutory context. His Lordship reviewed 1987 Act, including section 82 which restricted the disclosure to other persons of information obtained pursuant to the Act, and section 85 whereby section 82 did not apply in the case, inter alia, of criminal proceedin November the Bank of

ings brought under the Act. Mr Acton Davis submitted first that express words were needed in a statute to exclude the privilege against self-in-crimination, and that section 42 did not contain mandatory terms such as those in the Purchase Tax Act 1963 which in R r Hara; R v Power ([1967] i AC 760) were held to override

Council legal adviser committed contempt

19 and 26.

stepfather.

appeal.

The use of presumptions in statutory construction were of importance for protecting the rights of the individual against unintended encroachment by the use of general language. However section 42(1) by necessary implication provided

that a person coming within the section had a duty to provide information or disclose docu-ments as stipulated, and was not excused from doing so by reason that the result would tend to show that he had contraven the 1987 Act or any other provision of the criminal law.

Moreover, the statute considered in Har- did not expressly remove the privilege, and his Lordship could see no relevant distinction between that pro-vision and section 42.

The judge said that the de-

over both weekends of October

It was plainly the duty of the local authority not to do anything to prevent that order from

being implemented save by its

application for a stay, which had been refused. The legal adviser had no right to instruct the social worker to approach the

The court regarded her con-

duct as flouting its order, and

amounting to a cynical dis-regard for what she knew were

the views of both Mr Justice Ward and Lord Justice Purchas.

Mrs Puxon was entitled to invite

the court not to entertain the

In the exercise of the court's

discretion, in the interests of the children, the court had how-

ever, decided to proceed. That

did not mean that the contempt

was other than a serious one. and the court hoped that noth-

ing like it would ever occur

in a very irregular way. The contempt was serious, but by her affirmation to which his Lordship referred there could

The legal adviser had behaved

necessarily including reliance on the privilege; for example, physical inability to comply with the requirement for information or accidental destruction of

His Lordship agreed with the judge that the presence of subsection (4) did not destroy the necessary implication cre-ated by subsection (1).

The judge also said that by reason of section 31(1) of the Theft Act 1968, any information produced in compliance with his order would not be admissible in any proceedings under Mr Acton Davis did not araus that section 31(1) was relevant

to the construction of section 42, but his second submission was that the judge should in the exercise of his discretion not have made the order, having regard to Miss Riley's fears that she might be jeopardised if the bank disclosed information obhank disclosed information obtained to the police or others.

There might be a theoretical possibility that such disclosure might give rise to a prosecution of offences other than ones under the 1968 or 1987 Acts (although none had been sug-gested), but in that eventuality the question of admissibility could safely be left to the

criminal court.

The judge had considered all matters relevant to the exercise to interfere therewith. Lord Justice Dillon agreed.

of his discretion, and no ground had been made out for the court Solicitors: Mander & Sharma. Walsall; Freshfields.

apology to the court so as to purge her contempt. In the circumstances it would not be

necessary to take any further

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

said that the local authority's actions following the refusal of

the stay should be a cause of real

concern to those who cared for

the propriety of civil admin-

it was not just that local

authorities had to obey the law;

it was the arrogance a dan-gerous arrogance to think that it

could be in the interests of the

ward to maintain a view which.

at any rate for the time being.

The courts were sympathetic

towards the difficulties with

which the social services were

confronted by cases of suspected

child abuse. They were not at all

sympathetic towards a gross excess of function in defiance of

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-

Solcitors: Galbraith Branley

& Co. North Finchley: Mr Gordon F. Smith, Enfield: Pegden Dubow, Lower Edmon-ton; Official Solicitor.

the law.

Bruce agreed.

Chartering Company Ltd Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Bingham [Judgment October 16]

If the charterers under a time charter send a vessel on a legitimate last voyage and the vessel was thereafter delayed without fault on the part of the charterers so that redelivery of the vessel took place after the final terminal date, the question arose whether the charterers, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, were liable to pay hire for the excess period at the charter rate or to pay at the

higher rate.
The London Explorer ([1972] AC i) was authority for the proposition that the charter was presumed to continue until delivery. Two further points were clear

market rate, if that were the

although they had not been spelt out explicitly in carlier authorities: 1 Under the general law the

charterers were be liable to pay hire for the excess period at the market rate, supposing that to be the higher rate, if, though only if, the failure to redeliver the vessel before the final termi nal date rendered them in breach of contract to the owners, so that the liability arose by way 2 The failure to redeliver the vessel before the final terminal

date rendered the charterers in breach of contract unless, by the term, beyond any margin or tolerance which the court might be willing to imply in ascertain-ing the final terminal date, the charterer's obligation to re-deliver fell to be treated in effect as an obligation merely to use their best endeavours to do so by the final terminal date, so that a failure to redeliver by that date without fault on their part would not render them in

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by Gesuri Chartering Company Lid. the charterers, from a decision of Mr Justice Saville on July 31, 1989 that, on a true construction of a charterparty, they were not entitled to order the vessel Peonia to perform a voyage which could not reasonably be expected to be com-pleted before about June 11. 1988 and that Hyundai Merchant Marine Company Ltd. the owners, were entitled to refuse to comply with any such order.

Mr Angus Glennie for the

charterers Mr Bernard Rrs. QC and Mr Bernard Eder, QC. for

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that by a charterparty dated April 3, 1987 the owners char-tered their vessel Peonia by an agreement which provided, in line 14. "about minimum 10 months maximum 12 months time charter, exact duration in charterers option" and in line 15 "charterers have further option to complete last voyage within

Bank of England v Riley and Another

Miss Riley. Mr Julian Gibson-such privilege existed it was section 42(4) covered a multitude of circumstances without the root of the issue to be Lord Donovan agreed."

Those differing answers lay at 20) with which Lord Guest and that the cross of the root of the root

el was delivered on June 11, 1987 thus the 10month period expired on April II and the 12-month period on June 11, 1988. On May 6, 1988 the charterers concluded a subcharterparty which would, if performed, have meant that the vessel would have been redelivered to the owners no earlier than about July 19, 1988.

The owners protested that the proposed voyage was illegiti-mate [that is, one which could not reasonably be expected to finish by the final terminal date]. They asked for voyage orders which would have enabled the vessel to be redeliv-ered by June 25, thereby giving effect to the expression "about" in line 14 and later for voyage orders which would enable the vessel to be redelivered within the charter period or alter-natively for payment of hire at an enhanced rate for the dura-

tion of the voyage outside the charter period. Neither condition being accented the owners withdrew the

An arbitration award was har made that the chartevers were entitled under the charterparty to undertake a last voyage that started before June 11, 1988, as extended by any tolerance to be implied by the use of the word "about" use of the word "about".

His Lordship said that it seemed to him, although chal-lenged by the charterers, that

every time charter must have a final terminal date, that is a date by which, in the absence of an exonerating clause, the charterer was bound to redeliver the Where the law implied a margin or tolerance beyond an expiry date stipulated, the final terminal date came at the end of such implied extension. When the parties had agreed on the

came at the end of such agreed His Lordship posed the question of the position where the charterer gave orders for the employment of the vessel which could reasonably be expected to be performed by the final termi-nal date but which was not, for reasons, such as bad weather, for which neither party was

margin or tolerance to be allowed, the final terminal date

To that question the parties had given different answers, Mr Glennic answered that there was in that event no breach of contract by the charterer; he remained liable to pay hire atthe charter rate until the mo-ment of actual redelivery but. there being no breach of con-tract, he had no liability in famages and thus no liability to pay the market rate of hire, if it was higher than the charter rate. for the period between the final terminal date and redelivery.

Mr Rix answered that in that situation the charterer was in breach of contract and accordingly liable for damages in respect of the period between the final terminal date and redelivery.

Charterer liable for last voyage delay

decided in the appeal, which concerned the legal effect to be given to the "further option" contained in line 15 of the charterparty. The owners construed that provision as protecting the charterers against the ordinary consequences of breach of contract if they should fail to redeliver by the final terminal date, at any rate unle

breach was caused by their own act or omission. The charterers contended that the provision could be understood as having that effect, since, if through no fault of their own, they failed to redeliver by the final terminal date they were not in breach of contract anyway and thus had no need for contractual protection; but that the "further option" was to be understood as entitling the charterers to order what they could not lawfully order without that provision, namely, performance of what, but for that provision, would be an illepitic mate last voyage with no liabil-ity beyond a liability to pay hire at the charter rate until the time of actual redelivery not-

withstanding that the voyage extended beyond the final terminal date. Mr Justice Saville had said: in the end I remain un-persuaded that I was bound by any authority to conclude that, even without the further option. the charterers had the contractual right for which they con-tended, or, putting it the other way round, that the owners were not entitled to claim damages for failure of the charterers to redeliver the vessel by the agreed date when the vessel was

sent on a legitimate last voyage. "Indeed it seems to me that, with the exception perhaps of the dictum of Lord Denning.
Master of the Rolls in The Democritos ([1976] 2 Lloyd's Rep 149, 153), the weight of at least appellate opinion is the other ways one in particular the other way: see in particular the speech of Lord Morris in The London Explorer ([1972] AC 1.

be inclined to read "last voyage" as meaning "last voyage under the charterparty". He did not regard the lan-guage of line 15 as at all apt to convey the meaning for which the charterers contended. Nor did he find it very apt to express

> was satisfactory, the less un-satisfactory of the two was the owners: line 15 gave the charterers the right, additional to the right in line 14, to require the right in the 14, to require the owners to complete a legiti-mate last voyage free from any liability in damages in respect of the period between the final terminal date and redelivery, at any rate unless the unexpect delay was caused by the charterers' breach of contract.
> His Lordship agreed with the conclusion of the judge and would accordingly dismiss the

the owners' suggested meaning

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed and Lord Justice Stade delivered a concurring judgment. Sinclair Roche & Temperley.

Fairness prevails

parte Halstead Where a person who was serving a sentence of 12 months detention for one offence was sen-tenced to an additional 14 days.

consecutive detention by jus-tices for non-payment of a line imposed for a different offence. and that had the unintended effect of putting her into a different remission category so that she was entitled to only one-third remission rather than one-half and would thus serve an additional 74 days, fairness required that the additional 14

days should be quashed. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court (Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice served judgment on October 15

Regina v Barnley Justices, Ex granting an application for judicial review by Deborah Louise Halnead

> LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that the justices had been unaware of the effect of the additional 14-day sentence upon the applicant's remission back by 74 days as a con-sequence of her total sentence being in excess of 12 months. The rationale of the ordinary rule that a court should not take

remission into account in passing sentence was clearly rooted in fairness to the defendant, who might not carn any remission.
It would be unjust if a court shut its eyes to a rule, which was intended to be for the benefit of a defendant, being allowed to work to her disadvantage.

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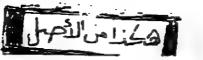
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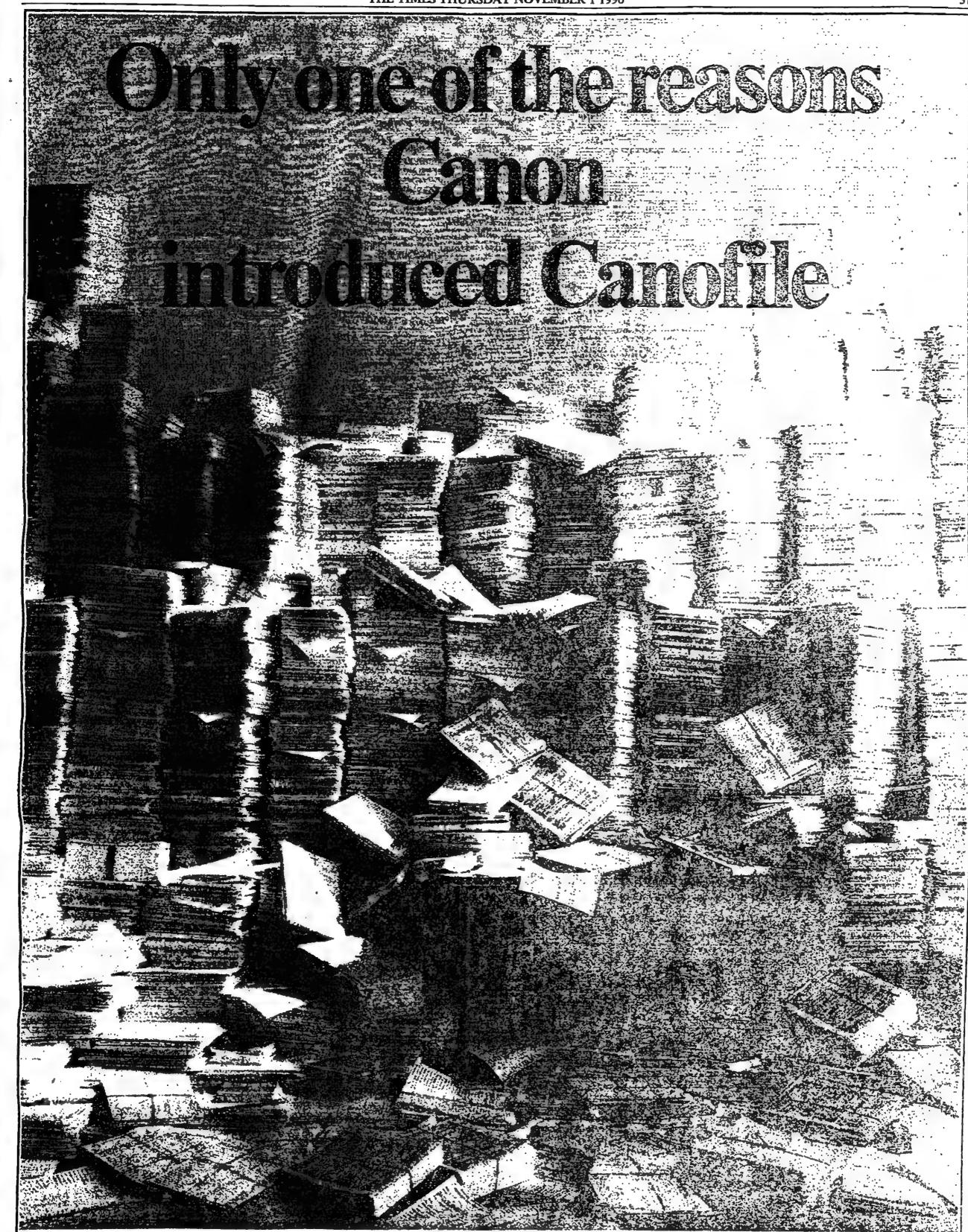
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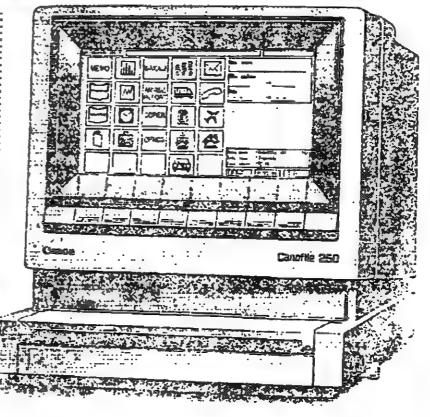
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Profit worries push BTR shares to low

trial conglomerate slumped by 9p to a low of 282p amid mounting speculation that one leading securities house is about to make swingeing cuts in its profit forecasts both for this year and 1991.

There is talk that the broker has decided to reduce its estimate for this year to below the £1 billion level. This would be considerably lower

Shares in Tuskar Resources, the Irish exploration group quoted on the USM, slipped ½p to 31 /sp. The group is expected to announce within the next few weeks that it has sold a 10 per cent stake in its Rubiales venture in Colombia for about £10

than any other broker has contemplated so far. At present, most estimates range between £1 billion and £1.1

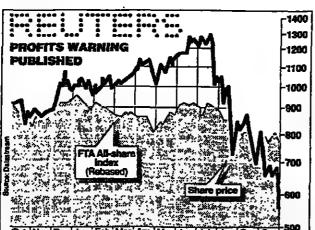
Last week, James Capel, the broker, reduced its forecast and on Monday Smith New Court cuts its estimate for 1991 from £1.14 billion to £1.05 billion. It blamed the weak Australian dollar and lower volume and margin growth in America and

son, both had their names mentioned as the brokers most likely to make downgradings. Once again, there was talk that BTR was considering a rights issue, but this was generally considered to be mischief-making on the part of market bears. Most dealers agree that a concerted effort is being made to drive the BTR

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a mark-up on growing hopes for another cut in interest rates after the call from the CBL But there was little support and the gains were virtually halved by the close. The FT-SE 100 index was 28 points up before eventually finishing only 16.4 ahead at 2,050.3. The FT index of 30 shares rose 17.6 to

Government securities sported gains of £1/2 at the longer end, cheered by an interest-rate cut in France.

Reuters tumbled 52p to 555p after the group said it was going to postpone the launch of Dealing 2000, its automated foreign-exchange trading system, for six months of testing and that it planned to reduce the workforce in some areas by 300. The cost of the job losses is estimated at £10 million. As a result, the UBS Phillips & Drew and group is now forecasting pretax profits for the current year



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The market breathed a sigh

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of £320 million against £283 million last time.

Most estimates had been pitched at between £330 million and £335 million and analysts say that a question mark now hangs above the £400 million which had been generally forecast for 1991. Clyde Petroleum fell 6p to

173p as Hoare Govett, the broker, placed a near 10 per cent holding belonging to DSM Energie, the Dutch group. The 31 million shares were placed at 170%p each and buyers had to be scaled down. The placing has eff-ectively eliminated any remaining bid speculation.

The rest of the oils suffered

maintaining a high level of performance in a deteriorating climate. Both the food and clothing sides made further progress despite the squeeze on consumer spending, but the financial services division saw profits decline from £5.7 million to £4 million because charge-card customers had decided to borrow less. The shares responded with a rise of 7p to 236p.

But there was bad news for shareholders in Scottish Heritable, the troubled propertyto-fireworks group, down a further 1p to 13p. The shares have halved in value during the last two days. The group has given warning that conditions continue to deteriorate and it predicts losses of £5.5 million for the full year.

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Lasmo, 7p to 438p, Richmond Oil & Gas. 2p to 96p, and Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group, slipped 1½p to 171½p after a downgrading of pre-tax profits by James Capel. Capel has cut its foreof relief at the half-year figures from Marks and Spencer that cast for the current year by £5 million to £280 million and for 1991 by £40 million to £310 million. The broker blames rising fuel costs that have forced airlines to reduce expenditure on engine parts.

Rank Organisation rallied by 10p to 553p after Tuesday's year-end presentation for anthe results showed the group alysts that prompted them to

lower their profit estimates for both 1990 and 1991. But some brokers still believe the shares will fall as low as 500p by

The banks also recovered some of their poise in the wake of BZW's profit downgradings of both National Westminster and its own parent company, Barclays Bank, this week.
Lloyds Bank rose 4p to
254p, Midland 12p to 189p.

BICC fell 20p to 316p — making a two-day decline of 45p — as profit downgradings continued. Whispers in the market claim that Warburg Securities has reduced its estimate million to £185 million, followed by £175 million for

while NatWest held-steady at 243p. Barclays rose 3p to 335p after announcing restructuring plans. Most analysts believe that a further round of belttightening by the big four banks to offset the growing problems of bad debts and static growth in investment

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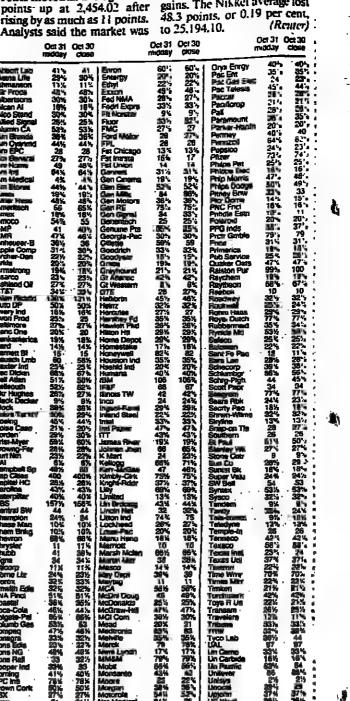
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SHARES rose in early trading. but blue chips slipped from Tokyo - The market closed their opening highs. The Dow Jones industrial average was 6 profit-taking after the recent points up at 2,454.02 after gains. The Nikkei average lost

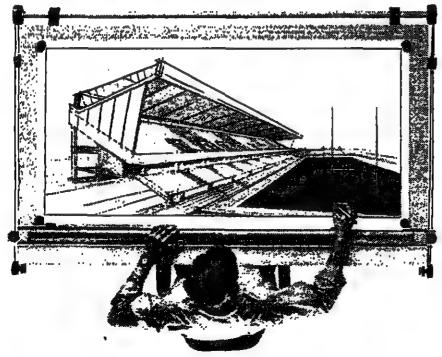
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Smart moves to keep the costs down

Moving even one employee can cost £50,000. Rodney Hobson examines the CBI advice that relocation must be well planned to avert disaster

from one part of the country to another can cost businesses nearly £50,000 for every employee, the Confederation of British Industry estimates. Sue Shortland, the manager of the CBI's employee relocation council, says: "The basic costs of moving including agents, legal and removal fees, plus assistance with disturbance Miss Shortland says: "Comcosts and temporary accommodation, are about £11,000.

"When other expenses, such as bridging loan interest charges and house-hunting costs are taken into account, this can double. A company's relocation costs can increase by another £24,000 if employers make payments towards employees' additional mortgage-interest charges.

The hill rises even further if employers pay for any losses on the sale of property in a declining market."

Even moving a worker within the same building can be expensive. One company. that specialises in relocation, the FM group, based in Crawley, West Sussex, esti-mates that the average cost of relocating an office worker within existing premises is £1,840. During 1989, an avcrage company moved twothirds of its office staff

The CBI, worried by the



Transferring workers ference to help its members monitor relocation costs and examine ways of making relocation policies more costeffective. The CBI believes the revaluation of business premises and the uniform business rate were bound to increase the pressure on companies to move away from London and the southeast.

> panies in the region faced tremendous increas bills. Even before the changes in the rating system, companies were experiencing higher rents and shortages of space. The civil service is already transferring many staff to the north and Midlands, Eight thousand jobs were moved from London lest year, and the figures for this year are likely to increase by at least 20 per cent."

Other problems that the CBI has found in the southeast include the difficulty of recruiting and retaining skilled staff and traffic congestion costing businesses an esti-mated £10 billion a year.

If employees live in or commute from the southeast into London, congestion also adds to the costs, both human and financial, that companies have to meet.

Companies have to accept that moving is very much a family affair. The CBI says that working wives often resist when companies try to move their husbands' jobs to another part of the country.

The CBI believes that the problem will grow with the increasing number of married women entering the labour market. A husband can be equally hostile when his wife's employer wants to shift her to

A CBI survey found that a third of the 130 companies questioned had employees who were refusing relocation because it would mean loss of career progress for wives or

To combat this, CBI members are developing policies to deal with the dilemma of the



Going away: Pickfords handles the relocation of a company to the other side of the world. Most moves, however, are less ambitions and the motives are usually financial

working spouse. Nearly one in consultants KPMG Peat Marten members offers a spouseemployment package, giving financial compensation and practical assistance such as career counselling, preparing job applications and assistance in searching for opportunities in the company's

"Couples are becoming increasingly dependent on dual incomes. A relocation and subsequent loss of one income can have a devastating effect on their lifestyle. In addition, the spouse or part-ner may be losing financial independence, which adds to the stress of relocation.

"If the couple decides that the spouse should remain in the old location while the employee moves to the new area, with long distance com-muting at weekends, this may jeopardise the couple's relationship. It is also likely to affect the employee's perfor-

Jim McCredie, the head of relocation at the management

wick, says it is difficult to assess whether staff costs, staff availability or the cost of premises is the main force in persuading companies to relocate. He thinks that cost of property is probably the main prompt for a move out of London. Rent and rates in London are likely to run up to £60 a sq. fl. If an employee occupies 100 sq. fl, that is £6,000. The same space in the target staff will often make the trip because they have built up a career path and provinces may cost £20 a sq ft pension rights. Companies or less, a saving per employee of £4,000 a year.

Mr McCredie says companies have used the sale of premises to finance a move to bigger factory with new equipment, not just in London but wherever existing premises can be granted planning permission for housing or shopping development. Staff at managerial level, he says, are more inclined to go with the company on a longdistance move than lowerpaid workers. He adds: "Clerical staff are

probably less on a career path

locked into the company. Often the spouse is working in a job in the same regional location and that means changing two jobs. Particularly in London, where clerical

aries are high and the worker can join another company.

workers are in demand, sal-

worry that young profes-sionals with three to five years' service will leave.

"There is a rather short-sighted view that the only centre for professionals is in London," he says. "Companies ask whether there are good accommiants in Runcom or Birmingham,"

Mr McCredie trains employers how to break the news of an impending move to staff. Generally, he says, it is best not to tell employees until it is

possible to answer any quesclients not to become obsessed tions they may raise and to with grants, nor to consider explain to them the advanthem irrelevant when they are tages of the move. They need making a decision on a move. to know what options are available, what the transfer They should be viewed as part of an overall financial ap-praisal, he says. terms are and what severance compensation will be. How-

Miss Shortland at the CBI says: "Moving should not be considered lightly. Companies need to be conscious of all the implications of moving premises and all relocation exercises must be well planned

The parks that bring in the business

are involved from day one and

that can work well, so long as managers are prepared to face

rumblings of discontent while

Mr McCredie also advises

details are thrashed out.

Business parks have belped to encourage companies to relocate. Now competition among the parks themselves has produced a more sophisticated approach and the emphasis is on amenities and location rather than the bare buildings. Many tenants move only

a short distance, to stay near their town centre (Rodney Hobson writes).

Jeremy Williams, R director at Redrow, which has developed a business park in northeast Wales, says: "You have only got to queue for a car parking space to know what convenience is about."

St David's Park is in Clywd, six miles across the border from Chester. Its capacity will be \$00,000 sq ft, of which 125,000 sq ft are booked and 50,000 sq ft are already operational. Tenants have come from nearby towns.

Roads and restaurants

among the attractions

centre, is another executive who does not scorn the humble parking lot. He says: "Parking is still the single most important factor. The big attraction is that there is room for vistors and staff." The Northampton park has 1,000 spaces.

Motorways have been another factor determining location. A prime example has been the re-generation of South Wales. The M4 provides a fast link with London, and particularly Heathrow. Bedfordshire, with the MI and MII, and its own airport at Luton, has seen business parks proliferate.

of UK Land Developments, which is being put on people. Mr Williams says: building Northampton Business Park on "You have to have public transport." 54 acres only a mile from the town There have to be amenities on site for

people who live within the park. If they cannot get a bite to eat at lunchtime and find somewhere to buy a newspaper, they will not be happy." Mr Robinson says a bank, a wine bar, a modestly priced restaurant and a sandwich bur should be

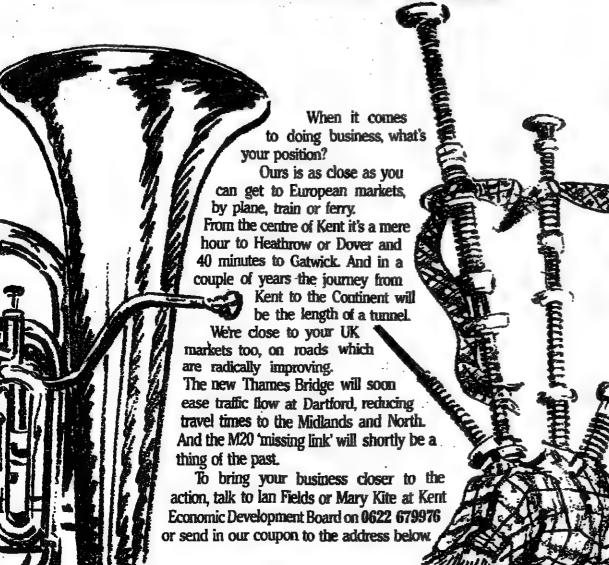
within walking distance. Many of the employees recruited locally for companies moving to business parks are mothers returning to work. Creches and day-care facilities are now regarded as important.

Hotels and conference and leisure facilities are highly rated by incoming companies. Northampton, for example, is considering providing a gym, a dance studio, a tennis court and a jogging track.

Mr Robinson says: "Building a

successful business park is not like constructing a factory to the required several thousand people who are going to





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Welcome Celtic revival



Switching the scene: David Brown (left), the executive director (London) of Locate in Scotland, and Robert Rayland, the general manager of Crusader Insurance, at the former Scott Lithgow shipyard in Greenock, near Glasgow, where the company's headquarters are being relocated

south Wales do not have running water, says Chris Sheehan, of the Welsh Development Agency. That is one of the more extreme prejudices Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish agencies have had to break down to attract businesses from the southeast and abroad. "Wales," Mr Sheehan says, "has been seen as a backwater."

David Brown, the executive director (London) of Locate in Scotland, a joint initiative of the Scottish Development Agency and the Scottish Office, says Scotland, too, used to be thought of as being on the fringes of Europe. Constraints on the growth of companies in southeast England have changed that. "The young banker or manager," Mr

Brown says, "now sees career opportunities in Scotland." Frank Galbraith, the executive director at the Northern Ireland Business Centre in London, adds: "Manufacturing skills are available and our young people have

Educated workforces are now showing how Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

property.

All three countries claim grow-

inesses. Mr Galbraith says:

ing success rates in attracting new

"Our last financial year, to March, was the most successful yet." Mr

Brown adds: "Last year was a

record one for projects, with £850 million in investment holding out

All three countries place great store by attracting financial-services companies from the

London area. About 10 per cent of

Scotland's workforce is now in the

that outside London, Edinburgh is

the UK's most important financial

financial sector. Mr Brown claims

prospects of 12,000 new jobs."

have been underrated. Rodney Hobson writes

Scotland: "The strength of the academic system holds the key to the future. We produce more graduates per head of population than any other country in Europe. "The average annual staffing

Mr Brown says the same of

turnover in Scotland is only 6 per cent. I meet directors of leading banks and software companies based elsewhere who complain of staff turnovers of more than 30 per cent a year. It is not in their interests to persevere with that Although financial incentives

provide icing on the cake, it is not the prime consideration. "We tend to put financial assistance at the bottom of the heap," Mr Galbraith says.

Nevertheless, financial considerations are part of the lure. Mr Brown says: "A company office

Mr Sheehan, the manager of the financial services initiative for Wales, says: "There was a feeling in the southeast that only the home counties could support banking and consultancy vices." He lists Chemical Bank and Price Waterhouse as some of employing 200 people in the centre of London could save £3 the hankers and accounternts who million a year by moving to Glasgow or Edinburgh, £2.5 mil-lion on staffing and the rest on have moved to south Wales.

though many companies are drawn from southeast England, foreign com-panies are pouring in-vestment into Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Japanese companies, including Sony and Mitsubishi, have set up in Wales. The latest large recruit is from Germany. Robert Bosch is starting an engineering plant just outside Cardiff in the new year, its first big investment in the UK. Scotland, too, has fared well in attracting

American companies. Mr Sheehan probably speaks for all three when he sums up: "It does take a bit of hammering in, but those who made the decision to come here have been pleased."

The exodus from the southeast includes 40,000 civil servants

PLANNED DISPERSALS

Ministries go to the country

ore than 40,000 civil servants will have left London and the southeast between 1979, when the present government came into office, and the mid Nineties. The figure is not final but is calculated on the numbers already moved and present plans to disperse depart-ments (Michael Hatfield writes). Four out of five civil servants

now work outside London, 17 per cent are in the southeast and 62 per cent elsewhere. Key centres are Nottingham, Leeds, Teesside, Liverpool, Bristol, Newport, Glasgov and Belfast - areas that are the focus of the government's regional

or inner-city policies.

Ministers and civil servants agree that sound relocation can benefit many parties. Departments can reduce their spending on accommodation and recruit-ment, and civil servants say that staff leaving London's expensive housing and crowded transport systems appreciate the better amo nities and quality of life in their new locations.

The relocation benefits were illustrated in a Scottish Office report, evaluating the dispersal of part of the Overseas Development Administration from London to East Kilbride. The report showed that, as well as cutting costs, the move had benefited management, staff and the region.

The implementation of plans may take a long time. Richard Ryder, the economic secretary to the Treasury, included in a recent statement on relocation plans the defence ministry's proposal to disperse 6,500 posts, but some moves will be as late as 1995.

The policy of moving civil servants was triggered partly by the Hardman Report in 1973, although the guidelines were ago. In the mid Seventies the then

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government began a centrally managed dispersal programme stipulating that particular departments had to move jobs from London and the southeast to development areas. The emphasis was on assisting regional development, rather than efficiency.

Dept of Health

The incoming Tory government continued the policy but carried out a review, and in March 1988 Peter Brooke, as Paymaster-General, issued new guidelines, Central targets would no longer be set, and the departmental ministers would decide what should be moved and where. Every department had to review the location of all its work. The aim was to identify cases in which a new location might offer improved efficiency, easier labour markets and better value for money. · Ministers, however, do not have

a totally free hand. They must consider the government's wider regional development and innercity policies. The over-riding principle is value for money. The guidelines envisage three stages: A preliminary overall review to identify activities that appear suitable for relocation.

The total planned relocation for all departments covers 17,000 posts

1992-93

 Detailed analysis of promising cases and consideration of possible locations, in consultation with the regional policy and territorial departments and others, leading to a decision in principle. Detailed plans if the decision is

The Treasury monitors departmental progress, but its role is not prescriptive. Departments report their plans to the Treasury every year in the Public Expenditure Survey. Sometimes they seek Treasury help with costs.

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Comtrans, says: "It takes away the worry from a company that will already have enough on its plate with the movement of other equipme A company does not want to have to think about the actual dismantling and re-installing of electronic equipment, although it is vital to the company's operation.'

A prime challenge was to relocate the retail division of Lloyds Bank from ten London and two Bristol sites to one purpose-built site in Bristol. The relocation was spread over seven weekends to minimise disruption and required 63 vehicles and 175 specialist removal staff to shift more than 11,000 items

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Carlisle holds a winning hand

Varisle may be in the bottom half of the fourth division of the Football League, but economically it is one of Britain's leading potential growth areas for the Nineties. The attraction for investment, which is what relocation brings, is partly reflected in the quality of life.

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People have more room in which to move than most of their regional counterparts, and they have more money to spend than most. Carlisle is also the only northern town of its size with two luxury car-dealers. Newcastle upon Tyne has four,

A statistical profile of Cartisle, set against 20 other towns, showed it had one of the biggest falls in unemployment over five years, both nationally and regionally.

These characteristics put Car-lisk among the 30 "winners" with dynamic growth potential for the Nineties, named by the Henley Centre for Forecasting in its Local Futures report this summer.

The regional futures unit spent

more than six months examining economic and demographic data and came to some interesting, if

John Rigg, the centre's director of policy analysis, says, "These towns and cities have a lot going for them. If they do not do well in the Nineties then the UK is in very

The report, which analysed 322

Thirty towns and cities in Britain have been tipped for greater prosperity

Michael Hatfield explains why

in the Nineties.

fied lines of prosperity stretching from Chester through Telford, casawards from Worcester to East Anglia, and south through Swindon and Salisbury. Leeds is challenging Manchester as the future "capital" of the north. Glasgow and Inverness come top

London, the study concludes, is losing its place as the focus of economic and cultural activity. Growing skills shortages, increasing traffic congestion and disenchantment with the quality of life will continue to undermine confidence in the capital, the

The most poignant aspect of London, the centre says, is that it lacks a champion and an identity. There seems to be no buzz, no appetite for the future, no urgency attending the discussion of its identity. The image lacks shape, confidence and daring," the report says. Not so the 30 towns and



John Rigg: "competition" cities identified as future winners attracting investment and

exploiting potential growth. Beyond London there is fierce competition to attract the investment," Mr Rigg says. "There is growing competition between town and city areas which may not et nasty, but it is going to become

increasingly competitive."

In the picking of the winners, the factors determining economic prosperity in the regions, especially the supply influences on business location, were labour supply; proximity to markets; road, rail and sea links; property availability and price; quality of life; proximity to suppliers, and availability of grants.

Although the criteria may not have been controversial, some of the conclusions could be. The availability of grants, for example, was seen to be no longer the attraction that the planning aspirants of Whitehall in the Sixties and Seventies thought they would be. There also has to be a change of image. Leeds could be a classic example. The city was once the centre of the South Yorkshire woollen and engineering industry, but there are now nearly as many people (17.2 per cent) employed in transport and communication, banking, finance, insurance and business services, as there are in manufacturing (23.5 per cent).

Mr Rigg says the M62 has also iven Leeds accessibility and a link with Hull as a port.

Manchester is not in the northwest's list of winners, not because there is no growth poten-tial but because, under the criteria, the centre did not believe it had "above-average potential for dy-namic economic activity" in the Nineties. Chester, Macclesfield and Warrington were seen as cores

of dynamic growth.

The study emphasises that the economies outside the southeast will grow more slowly than the average but it says: "We do not view their prospects with uniform pessimism.

Several regions - the West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside, the northwest, Scotland and Wales - have centres of economic activity that are now relatively buoyant and will sustain growth at between 2 and 3 per cent. Companies wishing to relocate may well turn to these centres, Mr Rigg says.

Former "boom" areas, such as

Bristol in the southwest, may be victims of their own success in the Eighties. Mr Rigg agrees that the ripple of commercial and industrial activity that ran down the M4 high-tech, entrepreneurial corridor may now have passed over Bristol because of its overheated economy, and has instead spread down into Wales or radially outwards. That partly explains why Exeter, Salisbury, Swindon in the southwest and Cardiff and Wrexham in Wales have pushed their way up through the mass of economic and demographic data in the Henley study to surface as regional winners.

One of the keys to local prosperity is the interaction of demand and supply - that is, the ability of the locality to supply goods and service at competitive prices and of suitable quality. It is this interaction between house prices, office rents, warehouse space, transport, shopping and leisure that helped the centre to produce its list of winners.

Mr Rigg says the centre has long held the view that for the UK to maintain a satisfactory growth rate, it must develop its expertise in producing high value-added. skill-based goods and services. Industrial sectors with above average prospects include pharmaceuticals, electronic en-gineering and precision instrument-making. High valueadded producer services - legal, financial, advertising and marketing - also have an important role.



City goes on show to sell itself

Milton Keynes offers a special service to companies thinking of moving there

when a company The move starts with a moves to another written proposal harmonic form. biggest worries is that it will lose valuable staff. "Putting people first" is the priority of the relocation service run by Milton Keynes Development Corporation in Bucking-hamshire (David Rudnick

Suzanne Shaw, who heads the relocation team, says from her ten years' experience that moving can be "a very trau-matic time for a company, especially if the staff equation is not handled property".

Milton Keynes puts a lot of effort into smoothing the path of companies moving to the city. The corporation regards its relocation service as good tributor to attracting cor- couraged to ask questions and porute residents. Unlike the are given detailed information services offered by commer-



cial relocation consultants, the Milton Keynes scheme is free

to any company.

Milton Keynes likes to emphasise its concern for the human touch, rather than the technical or physical aspects of relocation.

Mrs Shaw says: "We try to make staff happy about mov-ing to Milton Keynes. This can help to provide the ob-vious employer benefit of maintaining morale and productivity."
She believes the needs of the

workforce should be at the forefront of any planned move because the implications for incentives such as regional aid staff "can spell the difference or enterprise zone allowances. between success and failure, but are often forgotten in the hurly-burly of planning a

Mrs Shaw and her team are often closely involved in the initial relocation discussions between a prospective company and the corporation. city as it expands."

written proposal by the corporation on how the company might handle its move, and what its impact on staff is likely to be.

Any relocation benefits that could be offered to staff are also considered at this stage, usually with the company's personnel department. The proposal also tells companies how to obtain advice on possible tax liabilities facing. employees who receive any

company relocation benefits.
The next stage consists of giving the staff a presentation, showing the special features of life in Milton Keynes, including its housing, education, health-care facilities and opportunities for entertainment. The employees are en-

Finally, staff are taken to see Milton Keynes. They tour the city, looking at the company's prospective new site, and at the housing and other amenities. They are then free to go shopping in the city centre in the afternoon. Mrs Shaw says: "The tour is a valuable way of helping staff feel comfortable about the move. It is one thing to be told about the city, but seeing it is really the best way to learn

about it."
Milton Keynes is prepared to give considerable time to induction service. When the bulk retailer Argos moved its administration headquarters there in 1987, the relocation team worked every day for four weeks on the initial briefings and familiarisation ours. Up to three months can be spent advising a company on its relocation

Milton Keynes has been offering these relocation services since its development corporation was established in 1967 and has attracted more than 2,500 companies, including 260 foreign businesses, without the aid of financial

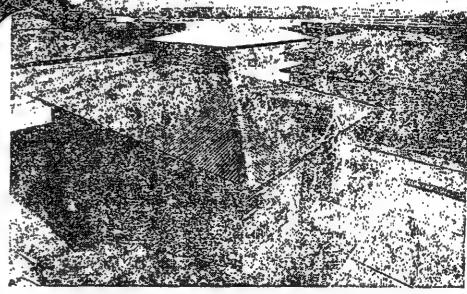
With an average of three companies taking space in the city every week, the relocation service has become a vital and

well-used resource. "We often get repeat busi-ness." Mrs Shaw says. "Some companies relocate within the





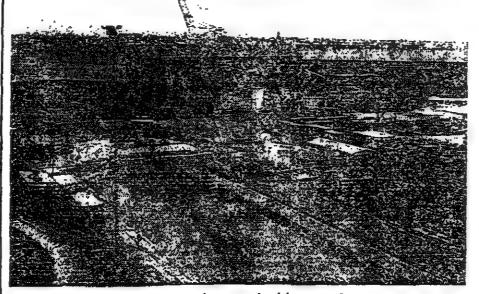
1,000,000 sq ft of new retail and leisure space at Teesside Park is fast taking shape. Toys '9' Us, the world's largest toysellers, recently opened a 44,000 sq ft store, in good time for Christmas. Other participating retailers -including B&Q, WH Smith's Do-It-All, Iceland Frazen Foods and Comet will be trading by



The first phase of development at Preston Farm Business Park, comprising 100.000 sq ft of floor space, will be complete by the end of October. The units, available in options of 5,000 - 18,000 sq ft, include office space (25%) and light industrial space (75%) suitable for warehousing, light manufacturing, laboratory work or office conversion. The finished Business Park will total 400,000 sq ft of floor space.

Phase I of OTEC, Teesside's Ocean Technology Centre, has been concluded. This unique facility simulates both a seabed environment and wellhead product to test work techniques and equipment. OTEC has recently seen the completion of the Gaadfellow Associates GASP project and the facility already has many subsea research projects for 1991. Phase II of the development will add two wet test walls for subseq-oriented well-servicing operations.

At Hartlepool Renaissance, work is rapidly progressing on 10o homes at Lovell's Warrior Quay, the first of the housing developments on the site. Other work in Hartlepool includes the laying down of infrastructure, refurbishing the dock and sea defence walls, and replacing the existing lod. gates. When complete, Hartiepool Renaissance will include 1500 homes, a 450 bertin marina, shops,



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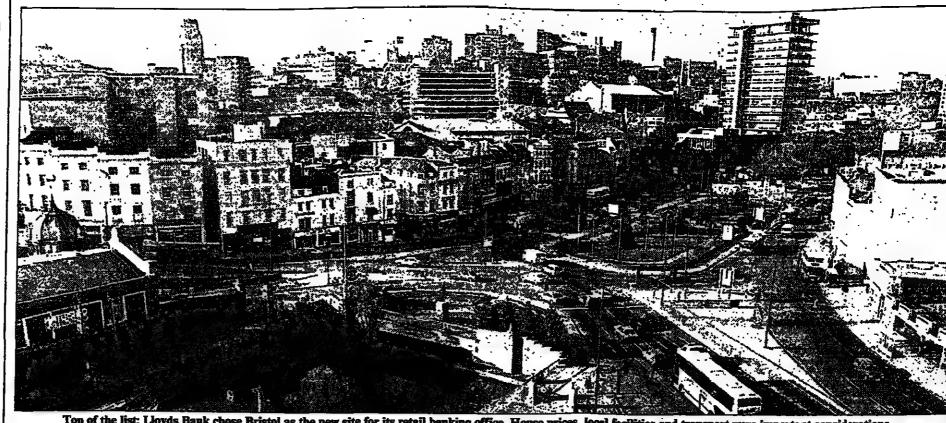
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Efficient planning and management participation are vital components of a successful move. Widget Finn reports



ompanies offering financial services have done their sums and found that, with a saving in office rental of up to £60 per square foot, it makes sense to move out of the City of London. However, although cost is an important reason for moving, Hugh Stebbing, the managing direc-tor of Lloyds Commercial Prop-erties, emphasises that relocation has to be seen as part of the overall business strategy.

"You do not move people to a new location because the figures look attractive," Mr Stebbing says. "You have to look carefully at what the business does and who it is trying to service, or you may find they the business cannot success in a

In 1986, Lloyds Bank produced a study of its head office operations carried out in 37 buildings in central London. Its UK retail banking head coffice, which supports the branch network across the country, was identified as a candidate for reloca-tion. Since its activities were nat-ional, there was no need for it to be based in London. In 1988, the first phase of relocation began.

Lloyds Bank intends to move 1.800 jobs from London to Cannonsway, Bristol, where the

Sorting out a strategy for swapping sites

new head office is based. With Blackhorse Relocation, its subsidiary, acting as an expert adviser, the bank drew up an initial list of 79 towns that met the criteria of appropriate rents and a maximum travel time of two hours from

"We also felt it was important for the centre to have a population base of more than 75,000 people so that the bank did not dominate the local workforce," Mr Stebbing says.
"There had to be a well-established business community with a healthy job market. At the short-list stage we did a 12-point assessment of

locations.

These included staff issues, such as town image, house prices and local facilities, and operational factors such as travel, road and rail links and local authority enthu-

The support of the local authority was also an important factor when Thomas Cook decided to relocate its administrative departments to terborough in 1976. "Peterborough Development

Corporation was very welcoming and helpful in sorting out practical problems," says Rosemary Rown-tree, the director of human re-sources at Thomas Cook. "The area attracted us because there was land available to build

new offices, rather than take over existing accommodation. There was a plentiful supply of good housing available, covering a wide range of prices, which is

important when you are moving upwards of 1,000 jobs." Relocation counselling was care fully planned. "We used con-

sort of move which an organisation will probably only do once in a lifetime and we do not have the specialist skills in-house." Ms Rowntree says. "The reactions of our employees were probably typi-cal of people who relocate."

and anxiety, then a period of excitement when they looked at opportunities in the new environ-ment then, after the honeymoon period was over, many were worried about cutting ties with friends and family. "But if you talk to the same people now they would say that it would take dynamite to move them

When Gill Webb, Thomas Cook's personnel officer, first visited Peter-

'out in the sticks". The train took nearly two hours, the shopping was poor and there was little night life. Property, however, was cheap, particularly for people moving from Dy.

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Ms Webb also found that recruitrecruited within a 30-mile radius of the city and found a high standard of staff with good potential."

Ms Webb has seen considerable change in Peterborough in the past 15 years. "Now the city is quite cosmopolitan. Shopping and leisure facilities are superb. I would not dream of moving back to London.

Mr Stebbing sees relocation counselling for employees and their families as a vital part of the process of moving a business. "You have to invest a lot of time in managing the move and in seeing it from the perspective of the people involved.

hearted then they are not going to be very important that the top people move as well as the middle managers. That sort of leadership is part

Problems can become a family affair

sity suggests it is the spouses and children who suffer if relocation goes wrong. Dr Charlie Lewis, a lecturer in psychology, says: The most clear finding of our study was that relocated mothers not only appeared to be coping

many also reported symptoms of psychological disturbance. This is a symptom of a more general family stress after a move and provides support for previous claims that it is wives who are the real casualties. Mothers should be the focus of attention by relo-

Relocated women tended to complain more about feeling rundown and having head-

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ESSO plotted the location of all its head office staff on a

map. Somewhere about the middle of all the little dots stood Leatherhead. So when

the oil company left its head-quarters in Victoria, central London, it headed southwest into Surrey (Rodney Hobson

Esso decided to move

because it had outgrown its

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in Victoria were built in the 1950s in a different business

Technology had outgrown

the building. Leatherhead looked an excellent choice because it was possible to buy

a greenfield site and construct

The move began in June this year and took until

August. "The relocation was

carried out over seven week-ends, to avoid disruption. We

moved one department at a time," says Gerry Marks, the sales manager at Harrow

Green Removals, who was the

control manager for the move.
"Esso staff went home on

Friday night and everything was ready for work on Monday morning.

lar among larger companies. although it is sometimes possible to move smaller busi-

"There is only so much a building can take." Mr Marks says. "The speed of the lifts

determines how fast you can move the furniture in to a

nesses overnight.

Weekend moves are popu-

a purpose-built building.

A move that goes wrong may put the whole family at risk of stress-related illness, according to a recent study

aches. They also were more social acceptance, close friend-likely to feel under strain, lose ships and general self-worth. sleep and feel that they were not playing a useful role. They were not, however, more depression. In three out of four cases where mothers had difficulty in readjusting, so too did the children. Mothers, the survey showed, were the emotional barometers of the fam-

In the report, prepared for Nationwide Anglia Reloca-tion, Dr Lewis says: "The better a mother's readjustment, the more confident her child felt about his or her

Parents who had moved described their children as less well-adjusted. They were less likely to have a best friend and were said to be less positive ents tended to suggest that

The children were more likely to be moody and have a nervous habit, such as nailbiting. Girls tended to build new friendships more easily than boys. Boys who had moved tended to engage in a large number of sports and hobbies. In contrast, Dr Lewis

found that fathers tended to

were coping than the children did. "Relocated children did not seem to be as disturbed as anecdotal evidence suggests," about school and to row with their children were experienc-their parents more often." their children were experienc-

The research showed that even two years after relocation some mothers were still experiencing distress. "This suggests a need for a relocation service which supports families, particularly spouses, and not just relocated employees," Dr Lewis says, "It also underlines the need for a mothers and the factors which

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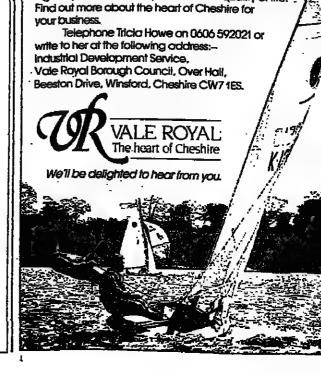
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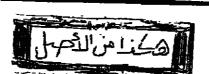
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Lightweight crew's success inspires a revival in the rain

TORRENTIAL rain and mud reminiscent of Henley Royal ish crews feel at home on Lake Barrington yesterday. Certainly for the first time during these world rowing championships they shrugged off the doubts of the first two days and started to produce positive results.

The lightweight four Switzerland and Austria to showed the way, racing off the start at 41 and leading all the way from Italy and the United States to earn a place in the final. They were never headed and were easing up, at 37, when they crossed the line. Australia, winning the other repechage heat, were five sec-

In the men's lightweight double sculls, James Hartland and Richard Staite needed a third place to qualify for their semi-final, and got that safely. Joanne Gough and Katharine Grose needed a second place to reach the final of the women's pairs, and shook off Rita de Jong and Anita Meiland, of The Netherlands, in the first 500 metres to finish three seconds behind Anna Seaton and Stephanie Maxwell, of the United States.

four made a slow start behind Recatta may have made Brit- China, the world champions, Australia and the United States, but after 1,000 metres found their stride and never looked back, winning by three seconds from China. The men's lightweight four also caught that winning feeling, leading all the way from

> Less convincing, but per-haps rowing to plan, the lightweight eight led Denmark and the United States off the start but, over the second half of the course, allowed the United States, Australia and Denmark to go past them. Their fourth place was good enough to qualify for the final, but they have yet to dem-onstrate the finishing power for which they are famed.

qualify for their semi-final.

The heavyweight coxless four, who needed a second place to qualify for the final, passed the Yugoslavs in the last 500 metres to finish overlapping the Netherlands and three quarters of a length ahead of the United States. The heavyweight eight faced a formidable task, need-

The women's lightweight against the Soviet Union, Italy and Australia. After 500 metres they lay third, behind the Soviet Union and Italy. Soon after the 1,000-metre mark, they moved past Italy, and in a storming finish pulled ahead of the Soviet Union. There have to be some tears

on even the happiest day, and they were shed for and by the women's heavyweight four. Needing a second place to reach the final, against Canada and the United States, they were a little too slow off the start. At the finish they fought back magnificently, but were denied a place in the final by the United States in a photo-

grand finals, the heavyweight eight and both heavyweight fours, the lightweight eight and four, the women's heavyweight pair and the light

So from 14 starters, Britain

Pinsent and Redgrave, in the men's heavyweight pairs, the heavyweight quad and the quad scullers start in tomorrow's semi-finals. Britain's strength in depth is already clearly established.

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A policeman paddling the beat in his kayak

Plodding on: Robinson trains for the canoeing section of the quadrathion on the Leeds-Liverpool canal

Selling his house for his sport

THERE are few secrifices big-THERE are tew sacrifices big-ger than those Jeremy Robin-son has made so that he can compete in a punishing three-week, 1,500-mile quadrathion down the length of New Zea-land, starting today at Cape Reings, the most northerly tip of the country of the country.

The Xerox Challenge, a

fatiguing mixture of running, kayak canocing, cycling and mountain biking, may be heralded as the "most gruelling race in the world" but the financial strain of travelling the world to compete in similar events has taken its toll.

On sale in his home town of Bingley is Robinson's house. In the past he has let the house to fund his sport but its sale will provide a longer guarantee that he can keep competing in races for which there is little recog-Neither bothers the police-

sport, to the extent that he admits "triathlons [and multidiscipline events] keep me going and I can't manage two or three days without exercise or I act jittery, like giving up smok-ing." Nerves are part of the build-up to an event where the competitors will spend 15 hours running, 26 hours mountain biking, 38 hours canceing and 55 hours cycling, "I get butterflies just thinking about the race," he said.

Robinson, aged 28, is no newcomer to recent like the

newcomer to races like the Xerox Challenge. He was a member of the British white water cance racing team in the late Seventies and early Eight-ies and has been a tri- and quadrathlete for six years.

Robinson's first quadrathlon was the Foster's Quadrathlon in Brighton, which included a two-mile sea swim, a 26.2-mile run, a 100-mile cycle and a 50km race walk. He finished

then, he has competed in the Hawaii Iron Man competitions — an apt event for a man measuring 6ft 3in and weighing 15st — and the Coast to Coast, until this year New Zealand's most notorious multi-disci-

The Coast to Coast and the Xerox Challenge are the prod-ucts of a former professional skier, Robin Judkins, Veterans of the Coast to Coast, who know Judkins's penchant for creating the near-impossible, are predicting that the Xerox Challenge will be the most difficult race held in New Zealand.

Judkins was asked to or-ganise the race by the New Zealand 1990 Commission, a body set up to co-ordinate events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waltangi, the founding document of the country. Given free rein of the

country's most challenging natural features, including the Cook Strait separating the North and South Islands, Judkins will be able to tax the capabilities of 50 athletes over 22 days until they reach Bluff at the southernmost tip of mainland South Island

Robinson has no illusions about what will face him on his return to New Zealand. "This is going to be a lot harder than

going to be a lot harder than any other events I have done." he said. "But I am fully prepared."

With the expectation of 85 miles of running, 238 miles of running, 190 miles of canoeing (including the 40-mile crossing of the Cook Strait) and 1,045 miles of cycling, Robinson knows he will have to pace himself carefully. "The problem will be recovering at the end of each day in time for the next day," he said. "I will have to avoid pushing too hard too soon."

BASKETBALL

Kingston plan to keep their nerve

By NICHOLAS HARLING THE kind of hostile welcome hat might have alarmed most British teams playing abroad should not unnerve Kingston when they attempt tonight to enter the last eight of the

the first time.

European Champions Cup for

European Champions Cup for the first time.

No other British club has ventured as far in the Continent's premier club event but if any squad can do so it is Kevin Cadle's. The Kingston coach yesterday took with him to Moscow — where they play the army team, CSKA — seven players who have experience of the American college circuit.

For Trevor Gordon, Alan Cunningham, Alton Beyrd, Martin Henlan, Martin Clark, Darryl Reshaw and Tony Doyley, who have faced 15,000-strong crowds in the US, the experience of playing in front of 5,500 Museovites should not be too intimidating.

"We're only talking about 5,000-odd, we're not talking about 25,000." Cadle said before his departure, "It's no big deal. We are looking forward to a crowd being there, even if they are not cheering for us. That will be a change. And what we will enjoy most is shutting that crowd up every time we score a kinston are 16 points to the

Kingston are 16 points to the good after last Thursday's first leg of the second round. Cadle knows as well as anyone that a bright start by the Soviets could whittle that lead away to next to nothing, but he cannot see it happening, not with Alton Byrd in his sound.

in his squad. "He knows how to control the floor," Cadle said. "There ain't a Russian out there who can stop

him. They weren't even close last week." Byrd's inspiration laid the foundations for Kingston's astonishing surge in the first leg that took them from 48-48 at

that took them from 48-48 at half-time to victory by 93-77.
After studying that game again on his video, Cadle was encouraged by the confirmation that the Soviets could not cope with Kingston by marking them man for man. "That's why they went into a zone." he said, "and that's what suited us. We have got to do an even better job against it this time."

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The Achilles tendon strain troubling Alan Cunningham is Kingston's only injury worry. But whatever the pain, the former Harlem Globrotter will almost certainly presidented and almost certainly participate and then take a week's rest.

then take a week's regi.

Sunderland, the only other English club competing in Europe, are out of the Cup Winners' Cup after losing 97-82: to Paok Salonika in the second leg and 193-174 on aggregate. SCORERS: Salonika Presions 25, Fasoles 19, Paparonis 11. S. Buctonis 24, Paparonis 22, Vaugnen 18.

SPORTS LETTERS

Boys' clubs funding curtailed Time to decide The search for a champion

From the national director of the National Association of

Sir. The Nati Boys' Clubs is delighted to learn that the education secretary, Mr John MacGregor, is proposing a big boost for sport in schools in reduction in "the mounting tide of teenage crime and vandal-

This association. some 2,000 affiliated clubs, has over the past 80 years actively promoted sport as a vehicle for not only the young to enjoy their leisure activity but also for them to develop crafts of leadership and sportsmanship. There are present time of former boys' club members than the current Encland football captain, Gary Lineker, and his predecessor, Peter Shilton, as examples of the whom the NABC has fostered

Money in rugby From Mr Philip John Aston

Sir. To be born and bred in rucestershire gives you a very different outlook on the way the game of rugby union should be played and run. We are accused by some of the learned gentlemen of the game of being narrow minded and somewhat dim in our attitude to the future

While I welcome the new law changes that now enable players to reap a little reward for the time and effort that they put into the game I must protest at the way making money seems to have surpassed the needs of the ordinary spectator at certain clubs.

I write in particular about the supporters and I were treated at the recent league match against Wasps. While enjoying the game, except for the result, and he company of the ordinary Wasps supporters I must com plain about a few problems that arose during our visit.

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financial support of the Department of Education and Science for many years, was recently informed that no further fundng from the DES is available for

promoting sport within the movement. This is contrary to the important need now identified by the secretary of state. NABC events enjoy the respect of all sectors within the world of sport and during the course of each year many hundreds of thousands of young people enjoy the benefits of

cretary's intervention is mos

appropriate at a time when the

boys' clubs organised sporting DEREK HARRIS. National director. National Association

of Boys' Clubs. 369 Kennington Lane, SEII.

the narrow strip of land at either

it is significant that these ake offence when I am told that because of "sponsors" accom-modation we can only stand on

2. The most important point i have to make is that, I understand from one of the bar staff, the price for one of the most vital parts of a good rugby day beer - was increased for our

Though these two points might seem unimportant to most people, I believe that if all clubs started to do this the enjoyment of the game for the ordinary spectator would soon After my experience, unfortu-

nately, I will not be visiting Wasps next time Gloucester play there, though any Wasps supporter who comes to Kingsholm next year is welcome to stand where he or she wants and can have a pint of good cheap beer in our clubhouse. Yours, from the wilds of Gloucestershire. P. J. ASTON.

1. I accept that £4 is not an 29 Lansdown by today's standards, but I do

Stroud. Gloucestershire.

Defending dodos

From Mr Gerry P. Scully Sir. Hardly a week goes by without some further threat to make the goalkeeper the dodo of football, the latest being from Mr Doug Smith (Sports Letters, October 25).

Enlarge the goals, restrict the goalkeeper's height to 4ft 9in, reduce the size of his gloves, tie one hand behind his back. suspend him from the crossbar by his ankles, just some of the kinder suggestions of what to do

As a retired member of the "You have to be mad club", I fail to understand why on a freezing cold, wet afternoon he cannot be allowed to stand and admire the stitching on the ball, count how many panels there

provisions have largely been achieved by the voluntary efforts of dedicated supporters of a high calibre. The education of the Heysel

representatives in the European four in the Uefa Cup. This was achieved thanks to the successes of English clubs over previous seasons, which included European Cup triumphs for Notting-ham Forest, Liverpool and Aston Villa plus Uefa Cup victories for lpswich and Tottenham. It would have been further enhanced by Everton's Cup Winners' Cup success just

prior to Heysel.
The subsequent ban on participation has reduced the English presence to the bare minimum — one club in each of the three competitions (minus Liverpool who are serving an additional ban). This puts us on a par with such "minnows" as Iceland, Luxembourg and

Malta.
Traditionally one of the Uefa Cup places has gone to the League Cup winners, thereby nting that competition an important part of the footballing calendar. Last season's league runners-up, Aston Villa, were nominated for the sole place available for the present season. As Uefa has representation in this comat one club, an early statement would be welcomed from the English football authorities as to whether this season's Rumbelows Cup winners will receive the single nomination or whether It will revert to the

league runners-up.

This is especially important in view of Rumbelows' well-intentioned and well-publicised sponsorship agreement to pay £1 million if this season's League Cup winners proceed to win next season's Uefa Cup, with the proviso that at least half must be spent on ground improvements. This is a financial carrot that the football authorisist. authorities must not refuse; every pound will be crucial in rebuilding of our football

STEVE CORBETT. 62 Coverts Road. Claygate, Surrey.

are, see how often he can bounce it on the same clump of mud before launching it into the

opposition's goalmouth. What a wonderful sight it is to see the opposing forwards retreating in sheer panic as he forages upfield with the ball ningly glued to his feet. Come on now, leave the poor

beating him, with the ball that

Yours very sincerely, GERRY P. SCULLY,

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

London and Birmingham. North Wales has a large number of under-12 and under-14 boy players who represent their country in their age groups. My brother was chosen to make his debut for Wales last weekend at Coventry. We were informed that the Welsh LTA was unable to sponsor these events fully. A £50 tracksuit would be needed and £30 from us would be contributed to pay for one night's stay for an I I-year-old in make our own travel

If this is going to happen even once a fortnight, plus paying for two hours' coaching each week and paying for courts to fulfil the eight-hour minimum train-ing requirement, it is no wonder

their children in this activity.
At the moment, my brother has received sponsorship from a local construction firm but this involves only a 50 per cent reduction on clothing. Every little bit helps because, without this sponsorship, my brother might have had to give up his ambition (which could become reality) in tennis.

Why are tennis clubs and

companies so unwilling to encourage and support a young player who will be able to compete with the rest of the world? It is not 17 and 18-yearolds who have just started to play tennis that need the sponsorship, but I to 14-yearolds who have potential. Surely someone who was runner-up this year in the boys' doubles at the Welsh national champion-ships deserves something better than: you can't play for you country unless you pay. Not all young tennis players with real potential are born with silver poons in their mouths. Yours sincerely

J. SHELBOURNE Penrhos College. Colwyn Bay, Clwyd. From Mr Frank Coven

Sir, Anyone enthusiastic for the future of British tennis must

Claims to a name From Mr David Ogden Sir, Mr G. Davies (sports letters,

October 25) queries why foot-ball of the association variety should have the right to be called simply "football" while other games such as rugby have to qualify their titles.

The reason is perfectly straightforward in that football predates other games involving foot and ball and therefore has an undeniable right to the use of the name in its purest form. Being a Welshman, I'm sure that Mr Davies makes the same distinction between league and union when using the term DAVID OGDEN.

3 Warner Street,

Chatham, Kent.

From Mr J. Shelbourne
Sir, Your article on junior tennis
(October 24) was mainly centred
to the case in interview with Angela Buxton (October 26).

When one reads of the lack of atively few good clay courts available to up-and-corning players, the continuing insis-tence upon the use of grass courts in so many major tournaments in this country, the small amount of sporting science support and difficulties upon which some coaches have to work, one begins to under-stand how much is to be done to

standard it once enjoyed. Miss Buxton does end the interview on somewhat of an optimistic note, however, and her mention of Ann Jones is a reminder of the dedication and guts that at one time was much more evident in the British game than appears to be the case

FRANK COVEN. 22 Cadogan Court. Draycott Avenue, SW3.

From Mr Peter Coe

Sir. As I am active in athletics which is arguably Britain's most ccessful sport internationally. it is only natural that I reflect on those sports that are not, among which tennis is high on the list. most of these sports blame part of their failure on inadequate facilities, some of which would My surprise therefore is under ndable at what I saw recently.

While on my way to lunch at that excellent club, which is also Tennis Federation. Were those courts crowded with youngsters queuing for the expert instruc-tion which the LTA could provide in a sport demanding a very high degree of skill? Alas. the answer is no. The courts were empty, and I was left wondering not only about the failure of tennis to produce winners, but why in Britain we fail to exploit fully the facilities we do have

Yours sincerely, PETER COF 1 Brecon Road, W6.

Diagonal racket From Mr L, I. Clarke

Sir, Your tennis corresponden may have fallen for the "blurb" of the manufacturer of the racket used by Sara Gomer, but

In my youth, in the 1930s, my boss always used a diagonally strung racket. It was made by Jacques and Co. of Croydon. Surrey. Yours faithfully,

L. I. CLARKE. 4 Westbourne Gate. Grosvenor Road. Bournemouth. Dorset.

EQUESTRIANISM

Broome and niece are left to fly the flag for Britain

DAVID Broome begins his should be capable of flying the flag for Britain. Amsterdam has been a happy stamping ground Volvo World Cup challenge this weekend at the Amsterdam International Show, the second in the series of six pre-Christmas qualifiers, in which he is riding his two on-form horses. Lannegan and Countryman. thirteenth year, involves a total of 10 qualifiers with a final in

Sweden in April. Surprisingly, Broome and his niece, Marie Edgar, are the only British riders competing, Michael Whitaker and Nick Skelton had to withdraw after being selected for the North American tour. John Whitaker and Henderson Milton have been lured to the Vienna International Show, which also takes

place this weekend.
Under World Cup rules.
Amsterdam, having invited
Broome and Edgar, is obliged to
accept only other British riders
who are in the top 10 of the
international ranking list. Attempts to substitute the
Whitakers and Sketton with
riders outside the top 10 were riders outside the top 10 were

On form, Broome and Edgar

for Broome. He won the quali-fier in 1979 on Sportsman and again in 1983 on Phoenix Park, the horse, then called Last Resort, which he has lent to Broome has a good chance of a third win in the qualifier on Sunday afternoon. Lannegan

and Countryman jumped su-perbly at Wembley last month when Broome won the Leading Jumper of the Year title on There is little to choose and between the two horses and Broome, who is 50 in March, will decide tomorrow which

horse to jump on Sunday.

Miss Edgar, who Is 19, competed in her first World Cup competition at Helsiuki last month. Although she collected eight faults on Everest Minka in eight faults on Everest Minka in the qualifier, Miss Edgar, the European young riders' cham-pion, finished as leading rider of the show after winning four classes and taking fourth place on Everest Minka in the grand

This week, in addition to Minka, she is riding Everest Sure Thing, the horse on which she became young riders' cham-pion this summer and junior She said before leaving that she was likely to ride Minks on Sunday because he goes better indoors and jumps a bigger course". But Sure Thing should prove a useful back-up horse. Miss Edgar will face the toughest opposition she has yet encountered: the Dutch, French and Germans are all fielding top teams. The Dutch are led by Jos Lansink, who underlined his form by winning the opening qualifier at Helsinki on Optie-bens Libert

world champion, Eric Navet, together with Pierre Durand, the Olympic champion, Hubert Bourdy and Roger-Yves Bost. The German entry includes two members of the 1988 Olympics gold medal-winning team, Franke Sloothaak and Ludger Beerbaum, together with Otto

The French are sending their Becker, the winner of the £90,000 Calgary grand prix in

SQUASH RACKETS

Lambs won the match 3-1 with sterling fightback wins for Bryan Beeson, Paul Gregory and

Phil Kenyon, but the point lost to Jansher's 72-minute 9-1, 7-9,

9-4. 9-2 win put the ambitious London club back into third

It was surely the most notable

league match in the history of the game, putting Jansher 15-13 ahead in their personal international battle since he joined the circuit in March 1987 and

upremacy beyond doubt.

Pakistan sources claim that

the complete competitive tally

Cosmopolitan Wizards wave magical wand

By COLIN McQUILLAN significant marker in his move into senior affairs.

THE attempt by Leekes Wiz-ards to keep the Pimm's Pre-mier League title in Cardiff stayed on course with a resound-At the other end of the history scale, Jahangir Khan, the physically troubled world No. 1, fell ing 4-0 win this week over GT Sports Abbeydale, but their lead after two fixtures of the new season is a marginal mathemataway in tired but almost content fashion against Jansher Khan, the world champion, in the much-awaited first-string clash ical matter.

With the Australian-English-Welsh-Canadian variation of between Levitt Lambs and Stars and Stripes in Ealing.

their extraordinarily cosmopol itan squad in action on new home courts at the Welsh National Sports Centre, the Wizards returned to the top of the table, thanks only to superior countback statistics over Cartisle Cannons. Despite the northern res-

onance of their new sponsorship tag, the Cannons squad is still London-based and this week celebrated the reconstruction of its permanent all-glass Telecourt in their impressively refur-bished headquarters under the arches of Cannon Street station. Cannons chose not to run out

their top signings. Chris Dittmar and Del Harris, as part of the celebration, It was the old firm of Ross Norman, Paul Carter, Simon Parke and Neil Harvey that took maximum points from Team Allsports, the newly combined Manchester squad.
Parke, the junior world cham-

fessional, for a single point in

the fourth game to post another

between Jahangir and Janshe now stands at 17-17, and per haps suitably marks Jahangir's acceptance that, at 27, his decade of almost total domina tion is finally ended. RESULTS: Pisser's Premier Squesh League: Leekus Wizards 4, GT Superiongs Abbeydale C: Carliste Cennons 4, Teern Asports C: Stars and Stripes 1, Levitt Lambs 3; Lyrac Surbiton 2, Mosaic Priory 2, Leegue positions: Laekue 11pts; Carrions 11; Lambs 10; Alaports 5; Priory 4; Surbiton 4; Stars and Stripes 1: Morth Westiam 1; Abbeydale 1. pion, was particularly noticeable in closing down Phil Whitlock, a seasoned international proGYMNASTICS

Musikant out to match medal placing

By PETER AYKROYD

TWO British teams compete Germany and Sweden. At Augsburg, 15 competitors tackle the sports acrobatics world championships, while at Gothenburg, three rhythmic gymnasts line up in the European championships.

In the acrobatics event. Phi-lippa Musikant hopes to retain. if not improve on, the bronze tumbling medal she won at the last championships. Also hope-ful for medals in combination work are the trio of Gaby Hookings, Rachel Alford and Rachel Walklate. The men's four. Graham Stokes, Mark Hicken, Ian Luke

and Richard Taylor, are considered the best in their discipline to represent Britain. The event, which incorporates the Euro-pean championships, is likely to be dominated by the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and China. However, Britain, ranked among the leading ten, will not be overawed.

At Gothenburg, the team is Alitia Sands, the national champion. Viva Scifert, the No. 2. and Debbie Southwick, aged 14. the national junior cha who may demonstrate her potential in these cham-

pionships.

The Soviet Union and Bulgaria will continue their traditional rivalry in both the ditional rivalry in both the

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By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

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1.45 EBF TERRACE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O filies: £3,569: 6f) (9

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FORM FOCUS CLOVERMAL (foeled May 23, cost vid2.000gns) is a Sayt El Arab half-sister to middle-distance handcapper Stratford Profids.

LA CLASSONADE was 131 13th of 21 to Far Pavillion at Windsor (ef. good). OH MERCY (Feb 8) is by 8e My Guest of a dam who won over 1ro 11 in France.

REPIQUE (Apr 1, 210.000gns) is a Sharpen Up half-sister to the smart interv. WISH OF LUCK 73 3rd to little to the smart interv. WISH OF LUCK 73 3rd to Sater to Franch Group II winner Sarhoob. Her dam.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

CLOVENMENT, (J. White) H Candy 2-11.

S LA GASSONADE 88 (J. French) M Usher 5-11.

CH MERCY (S Navrdog) H Cecil 5-11.

PAMIANSE (R Thomas) D Wison 8-11.

2.15 COGNAC COURVOISIER HANDICAP (£5,400: 1m) (20 runners)

1.15 QUEENSBERRY HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,630: 71) (9 runners)

Selections

winner of the Tote Cesare- champ. witch 12 days ago, is papped to make a triumphant return the George Stubbs Stakes at able ground. Newmarket today.

With Willie Carson again in High Fountain was flattered in the saddle. Trainglot will be beating Crack by 25 lengths at hard to beat, even though today's race is over a distance earlier form did not point to two furlongs shorter than the her being that good. second leg of the autumn

A remarkable aspect of the Cesarewitch was the way that Hills's filly accounted for Re-Trainglot and the runner-up. proceedings throughout the Lad has a clear chance of kempton, the Terrace Handifinishing to be seen that taking his revenge this time. finishing ten lengths ahead of However, Scales Of Justice is the third horse, Clifton

The Cesarewitch confirmed that Trainglot had improved his for the taking. considerably since finishing only fifth behind Further Flight in the Ebor Handicap at York. To win again today, that improvement needs to be

For Arzanni, today's race represents a considerable step (3.50). up in distance as all his form has been over 14 or 1½ miles. Not so. Chelsea Girl, who won over today's trip at York in she has been delighting her August prior to finishing a six- trainer. Alex Scott. length second to River Test in

By Mandarin

2.15 Scales Of Justice. 2.50 TRAINGLOT (nap).

3.20 Military Fashion.

1.15 Perfolia. 1.45 Shihama.

3.50 Almaasch.

Going: good

TRAINGLOT, the six-length the Prix Gladiateur at Long- bred, since she is by Dancing Brave out of Al Bahathri;

Unfortunately, Chelsea Girl classic winners both. True to has developed a maddening her pedigree, she has shown to the scene of his most habit of digging her toes in at important success by landing the start and forfeiting valu- Military Fashion, my select Military Fashion, my selection for the Murless Stakes. Time alone will tell whether suffered a hairline fracture of a

> Given plenty of time to Doncaster ou Friday. Her make a full recovery by his earlier form did not point to trainer, Luca Cumani. he nearly made up for lost time at Scales Of Justice is my choice for the Cognac Courvoisier Handicap. John the first attempt at Ascot three weeks ago when going down by only half a length to the useful Halston Prince on his gent Lad at Redcar last time belated seasonal debut.

> Damers Cavalry, even though preferred since Regent Lad his opposition includes Karakter Reference, the surprising winner of the Charisma Gold failed to win a race at Doncaster last Friday that looked Cup over course and distance In the two divisions of the 12 days ago. Trained by Rich-EBF Terrace House Maiden and Lee, Damers Cavalry did Stakes, our Newmarket nothing but improve last sea-correspondent, George Robin-son, is particularly keen on the La Cienaga, who was such

cannon-bone in the spring.

an impressive winner at Cheltenham first time out, can go from strength to strength by capturing the Kone Lifts Novices' Hurdle.

At Stratford. Squadron still looks on a reasonable mark in the Archie Scott Memorial Almaaseh is even better Gold Cup.

memorable victory Derby

By RICHARD EVANS

THE 1990 medical record of Andrew Adams resembles an injury list from a bospital casualty ward on a bad day but vesterday he overcame months of pain and heartbreak to ride Party Politics to victory in the

Lionel Vick Memorial Handi-cap Chase at Newbury.

The young Upper Lambourn jockey crushed three vertebrae at Kempton two seasons ago but his problems really began in March when he broke his right leg in three places.

Three operations to the leg. eight weeks spent in plaster and a further month of recuperation were followed by an uphill struggle to regain fitness. On his first ride back at Newton Abbot. from Tarn at the fourth fence and fractures to two ribs. Adams, aged 25, returned to the saddle at Hereford on Friday

where he remained unscathed.
The thought of riding Party
Politics again has helped to keep.
Adams going during the bleak
weeks on the sidelines.
The massive six-year-old—he
is 18 hands high—is a most promising chaser and yesterday was ridden exquisitely to pass Huntworth, the long-time lead-er, on the run-in.

Nick Gaselce intends to send the winner to Cheltenham next month for the BMW Final. "I could not be more thrilled for Andrew," Gaselee said. "He has worked very hard to get fit and this will give him a big boost. He rode the horse beautifully." Adams. reflecting on his run of injuries, said: "It is not that I

ride bad horses. It is just that I have had some bad luck. There

Guide to our in-line racecard

Raccard number. Draw in brackets. Six-liqure distance winner. BF - beaten favourits in torm (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unsested rider. I steet race). Going on which horse has won D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last S - solt, good to firm, hand. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last S - solt, good to soft, heavy). Owner in ouring: If jumps, F if fell. (B - punkers. Trainer. Age and weight, Rider V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyestveld. C - course winner. D - distance winner, CD - course and Handicapper's rating.

BETTING: 7-4 Trainclot, 3-1 High Fountain, 4-1 Natzawa, 11-2 Azzawa, 8-1 Chessa Gel, 10-1 Parting Moment, 12-1 Figure, 16-1 High Bescon.

FORM FOCUS Chell SEA CARE. 61
Group III Ciga Print Gladitateur et Longohamp (2n 44, good to sort); previously stayed on well to limish 77
dh to A Maineb in Group III Doncaster Cap at Doncaster (2m 21, good).

PARTING MOMENT 81 6th to North Col in Cap Prix 6 Linters at Longohamp (1m 71, good to sort); earlier 81 2nd to Priver God in listed race at Ascot (2m 1 Ascot handicap (2m 45yd, good).

Selectors ARZANNE

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SETTING: 6-5 Military Feshion, 2-1 Katsina, 8-1 Katsi Cabin, 8-1 Benazir, 16-1 Bold Performer 1999: NO COMPRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS MILITARY FASHION
3:1 2nd to Hatston
Prince in Ascot hardicap (1m 21, good): previously 11 (fin 21, good to soft), BOLD PERFORMER (3b) better
off 13 6th, previously 3-1 4th to Fire The Groom in
3rd to Fire Top in similar race at Redicar (1m 21,
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May,
Selection: KATSINA

3.50 EBF TERRACE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (DIV II: 2-Y-O filles: £3,539: 6f) (6

BETTING: 13-8 Possessive Dancer, 9-4 Aimaaseh, 5-1 Winter Poart, 7-1 Chloss Diamond, 8-1 Sharp Money, 20-1 No Comebecks.

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Course specialists

First Bout put down after fall

FIRST Bout, the 1985 Daily Express A good staying handicapper on the Triumph Hurdle winner, has been put | Flat with Ben Hanbury, First Bout won

1989: SPACIAL 5-11-0 B Powell (11-4 (av) N Gaselee 12 ran

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4 CHLOES DIAMOND St (K Juffa) C Booth 8-11...

3.20 MURLESS STAKES (£7,115: 1m 1f) (5 runners)

1989: UPPER STRATA 5-12 Fl Cochrane (5-1) L Cumani 10 ran

2.50 GEORGE STUBBS STAKES (Listed Race: £10,770: 2m) (8 runners)

Adams: rode outstanding race on Party Politics

are people worse off than me, however, and days like this make it all worthwhile." Henrietta Knight continued her outstanding start to the jump season when Johnny Will became her eleventh winner from 19 runners but it was hard to tell who was more surprised by the victory in the EBF Novices Hurdle, the trainer or Lord Chelsea, deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club and the gelding's owner.

"I told the owner I would be very happy if he finished in the first half of the field." said Knight, who bought the horse in Ireland 18 months ago as a prospective chaser.

Topsham Bay jumped particularly well to win the BMW Series Qualifier and will make a quick reappearance at Cheltenham on Saturday week while Babil, the 2-1 on favourite, ran out an easy winner of a below-standard Tom Masson

Pegwell Bay, the 1988 winner,

Piggott hopes to hear from the Societe d'Encouragement today as to whether he has been granted a licence to ride in France.

He was seen yesterday at Maisons-Laffitte, by Dr. Boudere, who requested a blood test and an electro-cardiogram,

LESTER Piggott is likely to ride in the Hong Kong Derby as part

of a month-long stay in the colony next February.

Piggott has been granted an international jockeys licence by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and will have his first ride

at Happy Valley on February 6.

The RHKIC's director of racing. Philip Johnston, said

yesterday: "We have received

an approach in relation to a visitor's licence for Lester Piggott and we have said that we

would be pleased to have him in February when there are a number of excellent races on the calendar, including the Derby,"

Piggott hopes to hear from the

Munro 'satisfactory'

Alan Munro's condition was described as "reasonably satisfactory" yesterday by a spokeswoman at Middlesborough General Hospital. Munro received head injuries after Mystic Crystal, his mount in the Daily Telegraph Racecali Nursery at Redcar on Tucsday, stumbled shortly after the start.

KATABATIC was yesterday in Richards hold strong hands with stalled 7-1 favourite for the Mackeson Gold Cup by Corals following the publication of the lished yesterday for the weights for the first big race of the National Hunt season at Cheltenham on Saturday week.

The winner of the Grand National winner, remains on target for the race Annual Chase at the National Hunt Festival last season is one of 45 entries for the \$50,000 to 11st lib.

added handicap chase over 2½ miles

miles.

Andy Turnell's seven-year form, Kim Bailey, his trainer, said yesterday. But the race has always been our aim and all ago, could face opposition from being well fie will definitely two previous winners.

Peoposell Ray the 1088 primary.

Bailey declared himself happy heads the entries with 12 stone with Mr. Frisk's current well-while last year's winner, Joint being and plans to run him in Soverignty, has 10st 8lb. the Gunpowder Plot Handicap

Martin Pipe and Gordon Chase at Sandown on Saturday. Big race entries and weights

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STRATEGRED ... Selections By Mandarin

1.15 Gordano, 1.45 Outside Edge, 2.15 Squadron, 2.45 Roscoff, 3.15 Another Coral, 3.45 Revero. By Michael Seely, 2.15 APOLLO KING (nap), 2.45 Pat's Jester.

Going: good .

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1.45 BINTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,862: 3m 2f) 2 SFP- STAR OF SCREEN 285 (D.F.C.E) G Harwood 10-11-13

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2.15 ARCHIE SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLD CUP HANDICAP HUROLE (23,801: 2m 51) (10)

1 122- ANDROS PRINCE 271 (D,S) Miss H Knight 5-12-0 2 -211 SQUADRON 25 (V.F.S) M Pipe 7-40-12 P Scadenov 3 001- CREAM BY POST 215 (P) P Hoobs 8-10-90 C Meade (I 4 214- YRIDIAN 196 (F) Mrs A Knop 5-10-6 R Description 5-10-3 5 0-53 RIGHT STEP 25 (D.BF.F.G)) M Highmond 5-10-3 10 /84- PETTY BRIDGE 363 A Jemes 6-10-0 W Triempy (7)
5-2 Apolio King, 3-1 Squedron, 5-1 Vindian, 6-1 Right Step.
8-1 Andros Prince, 10-1 Algeratione, 12-1 others.
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-15 4P5 SELF.AID 304 (F) J Boberts 7-10-9. Nr. 6 Bt. 18 250 - VERITATE 198 M Wildrigen 6-10-9 2-1 Par's Jester, 3-1 Roscoff, 5-1 Tup Of Gold, 8-1 Boreer Jesin, 10-1 Cratty Copper, 12-1 Set/Ald, 74-1 others. 3.15 OSLO TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,745: 1 -25F-, ANOTHER CORAL 233 (D.F.G.S) O Micheleon 7-12-0 2 - SEZ WITH GCOS HELP TY (E.BF.CO.F.G) C Brooks 6-12-0 P Scotlands 3 123 BROAD SEAM 14 (CD.F.Q.ELP Hybbs 10-11-8 C Moude

6-4 Another Corel, 7-2 Broad Besin, 9-2 With Gods Help, 8-John J. 18-1 Butlers Pet, 14-1 Bee Garden, 18-1 others. 3.45 PATHLOW NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,954: 2m)

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5 EXCELSIS 51F J Jeniens 4-10-12 M Abent (1)
6 SCONING PHASE 222 J Bulcovets 5-10-12 J Scient
7 B GLIESISH 35K Burks 4-10-12 T Junes
8 BOYABET 79F T Domingh 4-10-12 M Lynch
9 313 BILDAHM 198F (S) C Broad 4-10-12 D Tess
10 MY SFARICING PING 31F M Usber 4-10-12 S Hamis 77

8-4. Salettender Joe, 9-2 Revero, 6-1 Rise Over, 8-1 Alternta Sane, 10-1 Excelsis, 12-1 others. Course specialists TRANSPEC: G Richards, 7 winners from 20 runners, 35,0%; C Brooks; 6 from 19, 31,8%; J Edwards, 15 from 58, 27,8%; M Phoe. 19 from 58, 22,1%; D Barons, 5 from 57, 14,5%; P Hobbs, 4 from 24, 16,7%;

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Newbury Going: good to firm (crisse course); good (hardies)

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1.0 (2m 100/d hdis) 1, JCHMYY WELL
(M Bostey, 11-1); 2. Sebate River (B
Powell, 5-1 fav); 3, Vodto Fizz (F River, 6)
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279.62.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, PARTY POLITICS (A Adams, 8-1; 2, Bigesse (R Dumerody, 5-2 far); 3, Hentworth (Air A Wester, 3-1). ALSO PAR+ 100-30 Royal Ceder (4m), 7-2 Baies (pd, 5 ran. NR: Mick's Ster. City Stratistics. 134, 11, 12, N Genetics at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 28.90; 22.40, 21.70. DF: 28.90. CSF: 22.54.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, TOPSHAM BAY (H Davies, 4-5 far); 2, The Hilling (J Ostioms, 7-4; 3, Tamberry Davie (A Wester, 5-5), 3 ran. 20, 44.0 Serone at Kingspridge. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.53.

2.30 (2m 41 20yd rose) 1, BABIL (P 2.30 (2n 41 120yd hrise) 1, BABIL, (P Soudsmions, 1-2 tav); 2, Little-Nipper (R Dumwoody, 10-1); 3, Abiv Leeder (R Rowe, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 5 Richard's His (pu), 14 Spring Rag (5th), 66 hystrach (bill), Richards Pet (4th), 7 san, 10; 30; 34, 20, 3; N Twistor-Device of Challecham, Tota: 21.50; £1.20, £2.30, DF: £4.00, CSF: £5.20.

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..... Mr J Durken (5)
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Total Fisch Files, 12-30. DF: EA.DU. CSF: 25-20.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, THAR-AN-GRARR (R. Curwoody, 3-1); 2. Easy (P. Scuciernore, 4-7 fatr); 3. Clare Mountain (H. Davies, 4-1); 3 ran. 1%I, sh hd. J. Upson et Towcastar, Total Ea.Du. DF: 21-50. CSF: 24-89. After a sawcards' enguity, result stood.

3.30 (2m 100yd.hdse) 1, BOOKCASE (P. Holley, 5-2); 2. Crazy River (M. Pirman, 9-2); 3. Hugh (J. Osborna, 14-1). ALBO RAN: 6-4 tax Arbor Vitne (Seb., 1.2 Prayer Winsel (Seb.), 16 OK. Records. 20 Wallstrand, Sword Bridge, 33 DI Mode, Hero's Cry, Northern Vitings (4th), Red Rang (ps), Seepline Pataca, Spicier Woman, 14 ran. 8, 11, 11, 22, 25. D. Enworth: at Whitphury. Total 25.80. CSP. 214.60.

Piacepot: 2402-10. Jackpot: Not won, C3,533.80 carried forward to Newmentest today. Yarmouth

Geing-good

1.45 (6) 1, ROCTON NORTH (W R. Swinburn, 11-2); 2, Resubitt (J O'Devyer, 50-1); 3, Crystal Heights (J Williams, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 9-6 law: Sarest, 6 Servet (5th), 17-2 Pinns Classic (4th), 12 Beinn, 16 Pinne Mower (6th), Weekday Gross, 20 Run For Nick, 33 Chiets Bebu, from Red, Kailss Groces, 50 Sharmston A Arab, Straight No Chears, Waspest, Look Kew. 17 ran, 194, 34, 194, 34, 194, R Hannon et Marbhorough, Total £ 2, 30, no. Marborough. Tota: £4.70; £3.10, no dividend disclared, £3.70. DF; £320.20. CSF: £220.34.

CSF: 2228.34.
2.19 (Im. 27) 1, CLEAR LIGHT (L. Newton, 5-21-2, Kanie Jo (R. Cochrona, 2-1 fevt. 3, Ann. Amour (W. Ryen, 6-1), ALSO RAN's 9 Gomericus, 12 Uniffied, 14 Suo Paulo (489, Bell: Taryel, 16 Denoting Breeze, 25 Heand Petried (501), Morres, 33 Cupar Activery, Windelson, 50 Sept Office (601), Fond Riss, Coymenia, Haddelfin Choca, 16 ran, 8, 34, 151, 2-3, 6 Height St. Newmericat, Toig: 23-50; 21-80, 21-80, 22-20, DF: 25-70, CSF: 28-D4.
2.45 (Im. 32 11)bool 1, SLEPORROSE /R. 12.40 UP: 23.70 GSF: 28.06.

2.45 (im 3f 110pd) 1, SLEPPEROSE (A. Clark, 11-12; 2, Every One A. Gum, (R. Cochrane, 7-15); 3, Menton 1681, (W. R. Swettern, S-1 bayl, 4, Retholtoche Money (M. Roberts: 10-1); ALSO RAN: 8 Briefy Rin, 13-2 Siderywore, 12 Balacani, Sanbower Send (Brit), 10-dan Flore (Brit); 14 Printel Bay, Mysonakos, 20 Standanaethio.

fings Alterman PS Cos do Sols, Acquis Moir, 33 So Long Boys, Derechel, Brave Cassion, Dartington Hall 19 ran. ARI: Lawrisl, 14, 34, 34 hd, 35, hd, 35, hd, 31 Hills at Lambours. Toler \$13.00; \$2.80, £1.50,

A.15 (7) 1. LA BARBA-(W Hood, 5-1); 2. La Bete Vie (3 Carter, 8-7); 3. Royal Actision (K Rutter, 12-1); 4. Stoep Rode (Ron Hills, 16-1). ALSO SANC 7-2 tay A Little Practous; 15-2 Zinbang (Sto). Bey Mountain, 9 Sharp Tiress, 12 Helenee, 14 Sockern, Las Annis (Str.), Kear Medicky, Saboleur, 18 Dodgy, Executive Larly, Like Amber, 20 Yeoman Bid, 50 Aumilio Cyclone, Chempion Gid, Lady Primmose, 20 zan. 51. et hd, 21. 34, 251. G Printrad-Gordon at Hermanicat, Toker 28.20; 22.00, 22.50, 23.30, 23.90. UP: 214.601. CSF: 252.02, 17 (past) 5482.22. et 257.30.

Edinburgh

Going: Soft 1. SET THE STANDARDS (J. Carroll, 7-4 ji-favit 2. Serby Foreway (D. Nicholas, 7-4 ji-favit 2. Serby Foreway Ann (Deen McKeown, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Lufus Adura (Ath., 18 Ashley Mikle (Bh.), 25 Magdelene, 33 Warn's Secret (Sni), Granston Princess 8 ran, Nic Obertssenfeld, 31, 234, 134, 28, 101, J Benty at Cockerham. Toke: 22-B0; C1-40, 21-30, 21-10, DF: 23-20, CSF: 55-23, 1-45-59, 1, 100, 21-30, 21-10, DF: 23-20, CSF: 55-23, 1-45-59, 1, 1

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ot: £28.20. Brian McDonnell has been appointed as a member of the Horserace Totalisator board for two years. McDonnell has been chief executive of the Tote since 1981 and his appointment is part of the restructuring of the board announced earlier this month. The appointment was made by the Home Secretary. David Waddington.

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1983: TAUROBA 4-10-12 M Ahem (9-1) J Jenkins 12 ran • Mary Reseley and Peter Niven combined to land a 370-1 four-timer at Sedgefield yesterday with Dalkey Sound (2-1). Snowfire Chap (7-4). Laurse-O Edinburgh in February of last year.

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Flat with Ben Hanbury. First Bout won down as a result of injuries sustained in a fall at Newbury on Friday (Phil McLennan writes).

Nicky Henderson's nine-year-old fractured a bind leg when falling at the fourth in the Glynwed international Chase and vets were unable to save the Nishapour gelding.

Flat with Ben Hanbury. First Bout won seven races and was placed seven times seven races and was placed seven times in 21 National Hunt starts, accumulating total win and place prize-money of £59.716.

Three of those successes were gained over teners but his best performance in that sphere was a close third to Gala's Image in the 1987 Arkie Trophy. 2.30 STANDARD LIFE NOVICES CHASE (£2,745: 2m) (5 runners) SETTING: 11-10 General James. 7-2 Ideigh's Runon, 4-1 Clean Through, 7-1 Knockennis, 10-1 Jm Bows. 3.0 TERRACE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,717: Sm) (4 runners) BETTING: 15-8 Karaktor Reference, 9-4 Damers Cavelry, 5-2 Messer Bob, 5-1 Ser's At The Gin. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 3.30 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,862: 3m) (4 runners) A Knight (7)

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BOXING

Bicknell's successful inter- such form. national debut has handed the England selectors a problem on the eve of the first four-day able victory for England under match of the tour.

The Surrey fast bowler, aged 21. looked the obvious choice to make way for Devon Malcolm tomorrow until he And, with a little luck, he captured three wickets during the narrow defeat against the Western Australia Invitation XI on Tuesday.

The England management Bicknell another opportunity to show his worth when they take on Western Australia in

The match will give the best indication yet of England's chances of regaining the Ashes this winter, and Bicknell has already shown that he intends to fight for a place in every

Malcolm is sure to play in Perth, as will David Gower, Mike Atherton, John Morris and, presumably, Phil Tufnell - all of whom missed the limited overs day-night contest. But the selectors might bowling with Angus Fraser decide to find room for

PERTH (Agencies) - Martin Bicknell as well while he is in send down a bad ball,

almost engineered a remarkthe Perth floodlights by Mark McPhee and Tom Moody in the space of 15 balls. would have added Dean Jones and Mark Waugh to that

impressive collection. Darren Lehmann, aged 20, highly promising leftmay now consider giving hander, eventually swung the game away from England by even so, the margin of defeat was just three wickets with nine balls to spare.

"I didn't get very much sleep after the match." Bicknell said. "I was still biggest occasion of my car-

Bicknell had not expected to play, but he settled down splendidly and swung the ball considerably during his first

"It heiped to open the

Bicknell said. "It's always nice The uncapped pace bowler to play with good players around you and my only aim is to do well for England."

Bicknell also displayed just dismissing Geoff Marsh, the right level of aggression. refusing to be out-stared or out-talked by Jones. The Australian Test baisman was keen to win an early psycho-logical battle with England's new recruit, but found him competent opposition in that department, too.

Western Australia, meanwhile, are expected to be at full making a polished fifty but, strength tomorrow, which means another chance for England's batsmen to face Australia's possible Test opening pair of Terry Alderman and Bruce Reid.

Reid bowled better than wound up because it was the anyone yesterday during a ten-biggest occasion of my car- over spell which cost only 15 runs. If the left-armer can stay fit he must be in line for a Test return next month after being plagued by serious back prob-lems since early 1989.

Younis batters N Zealand into a series submission

From Qamar Ahmed in Faisalabad

AS EXPECTED, Pakistan completed a clean sweep of the three-match series against New Zealand by winning the third and final Test match at lqbal Stadium by 65 runs.

New Zealand, resuming the final day's play at 31 for four, and still requiring 212 runs to win, were bowled out for 177, shortly before tea.

Their tormentor, once again, was Wagar Younis, who took five for 54 to finish with match figures of 12 for 130 to earn the man of the match award. His tally of 29 wickets also carned him a share of the man of the series award with Shoaib Mohammad, who made 507 runs, the highest by any Pakistani in a series against New

Younis was one short of equalling the highest number of wickets in a series, taken by Abdul Qadir against England in 1987-8 in Pakistan. New Zealand lost two vital wickets in the first session, Crowe and Rutherford, adding 72 runs before lunch. Crowe was

caught at the wicket off Younis within half an hour and Ruther-ford. flashing outside the off stump, met with a similar fate. Grant Bradburn was then dropped by the wicketkeeper. Yousuf, off Jaffer, when on eight, offering New Zealand a temporary respite. He and Patel put on 84 for the seventh wicket and brought New Zealand within 95 of the target.

Patel, given out caught at the wicket, looked unhappy with the decision. And with his exit, the innings folded. Younis wrapped up the last three wickets.

Crowe, the man of the series for New Zealand, would not

comment on umpiring, but said: "We have been beaten by a better side. The bowling of Younis and Akram was a great experience. We have learnt a lot."

New Zealand are scheduled to play the first of three one-day

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-25, 3-28, 4 31, 5-45, 6-64, 7-148, 8-171, 9-171. BOWLING: Youris 24-9-54-5; Jatter 18-4 51-2; Aagib 17-1-57-3.

FINAL TEST MATCH AVERAGES

Pakistan batting and fielding Abdul Qadir_____2 1 1 5 5 PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: Naved Anjum 10, 22.

manager steps down

By CHRIS MOORE BOB Cottam, the former England fast bowler, surprised Warwickshire by resigning as the Midland county's manager

Cottam blamed his departure on an unsatisfactory working relationship with the club's cricket committee.

He denied that his decision to quit was influenced by an uneasy association with Andy Lloyd, the Warwickshire captain. But he admitted that a private conversation with Lloyd last season, when he suggested that the former England opener should have been "man enough" to have stood down from the team because of pour between the two of them.

"The thing about Andy Lloyd that frustrated me is that he has not worked hard enough at his game to get it right." Cottain said. "But I am not leaving this club because of him." Bob Evans, the Warwickshire

chairman, said it was a very sad day for the county, but declined to comment further

Cortam said he had twice failed to gain the backing of the the cricket committee, when he had sought to sign Tom Moody. Zimbabwean all-njunder.

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Warwickshire Substitution gimmick yet to face its real test

OVERSEAS REVIEW by SIMON WILDE

their first appearance at the tree weekend, in the opening round of the Nissan Shield, the attempts of the South African Cricket Union (Sacu) to introduce an extra dimension to the game has yet to receive its

For all the talk of creating new tactical opportunities, the pur-pose of this latest gimmick is to revitalise attendances at Shield matches. The Shield is South Africa's most reputable limitedovers event, but in recent years it has lost ground to the Benson and Hedges Trophy. a day-night

Sacu estimates that, this season, the Benson and Hedges Trophy will draw crowds of 350,000 and yield 2.5 million rand, which would make it probably the most successful domestic one-day competition in the world. Only if the public shows a similar enthusiasm for the forthcoming rounds of the Nissan Shield, when the leading sides will face each other for the first time, will the experiment first time, will the experiment with substitutes be considered a

Transvaal have taken an early lead in the Currie Cup, South Africa's national championship. but not without controversy. Their win over Northern Transvaal on a "result pitch" at

10 HOMES £325.80

5 AWAYS £115.95

ALTHOUGH substitutes made. Johannesburg has aroused the their first appearance at the ire of all rival teams. Kepler

pitches inspector. In their next match, against Orange Free State, Transvanl – despite a century from Jimmy Cook – were denied a second win by an unresponsive pitch at Bloemfontein. In the end, a hostile spell on the final after-noon by Alian Donald, the Warwickshire fast bowler, left Transvaal as the side nearer to

Transvaal's chief stumbling block was a long innings by Louis Wilkinson, aged 23, who scored 163 despite a knee injury. Wilkinson, who had never made a first-class century before this season, had earlier struck 167 against Western Province, Lawrence Seeff, the Western Prov-ince captain, has been fined 450 rand by Sacu for the language he used towards an umpire when Wilkinson was twice given not

The Currie Cup, incidentally, is a tournament held between teams of 11 men, wearing white clothing, using a red ball, and played in daylight. It is the sort of cricket that is not watched by many people but, in more ways than one, it has no substitute.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Derby (7.0); Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45); North Forest v Sunderland (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Leeds. Second division: Bradford v Hull.

OVERDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Milwell v Crystal Palace (2.0). PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: First

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v Denmark

(Poole).
TENNIS: Prudential national

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screenspo 07.00-08.00 and 23.00-01.00: Colleg matches, BSB 17.00-18.00: Nation footbal Langue review.

better teamwork than they have shown for many a season when they defeated Maidenhead in the Pizza Express London League at the North Oxford Sports Centre yesterday.

Smooth running and clever interpassing enabled Oxford to dominate for long spells, but poor shooting ruined so much of their brilliant approach work.

Maidenhead were frequently hold the initiative in the second half, and their lead was in-creased in the fiftieth minute when Grimes run a considerable distance with the ball and passed to Markham to score. After Oxford had squandered a number of chances. Maiden-head hit back in the 62nd minute when Pearce ran strongly down the right and set

Maidenhead were frequently rescued from disaster by their goalkeeper. Williams, and were almost on their knees when they started a late revival which provided the match with a closer finish than at one time eemed likely.

However, it all happened

to be in the corner of Paul Hodkinson, the British and European featherweight cham-pion who put his Euro title on

the line at Wembley last night,

m somewnat pensive mood.
On Tuesday night in Belfast he was in Sam Storey's corner during his middleweight title defence against James Cook, from Peckham. Storey, attempting to become the third Ulsterman to win a Londale Belt

man to win a Lonsdale Belt outright—the others are Freedie

Gilroy and Hugh Russell — was knocked out in the tenth round.

"I knew Storey was taking a

step up in class but the result still came as something of a

By Sydney Friskin

better teamwork than they have

Oxford University.

Maidenhead.

in somewhat pensive mood.

Five minutes before the end. Maidenhead spelt danger from their only short corner of the match. But Oxford's fears were

The force behind the shield: Evander Holyfield displays the International Boxing

Storey not in Cook's class

By GEORGE ACE

BARNEY Eastwood flew out of shock," Eastwood said, "This whom Eastwood rates as a Belfast around noon yesterday was not the best of Storey. There future world champion at to be in the corner of Paul was not the usual snap in his welterweight, stopped Luis

punches and it was only on rare occasions that he caused Cook

It is a long time since a Belfast crowd saw anyone hit with an

uppercut as often as Storey was on Tuesday night. It was a punch that did all the damage and it was a punch that finally

knocked Storey cold in the tenth round after he had taken an

eight count. The referee did not even bother to start a count the

second time Storey went down his first knockout and only his

HOCKEY

Oxford teamwork pays ou

when Salter, Oxford's deep de-fender, was on the sidelines after

talking out of turn. Salter had given Oxford the lead by

converting their sixth short corner in the 32nd minute.

Fine combination by the Ox-ford forwards enabled them to

up a chance for Carr, which he

second defeat in 18 contests. Crisanto España, a Venezue-lan boxing out of Belfast, and

welterweight, stopped Luis Mora, from Mexico, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-round contest. Mora had

as España, rated No. 6 in the World Boxing Association rankings, carved out his 21st win in as many outings and his 19th inside the distance.

able victory. It was their third win in a row.

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OUPORD UNIVERSITY: "J Micholia (Charterhouse and Wornestart; R Salter (King Edward VI, Southampton, and St Edmand Hail), D Mey (Bacop, and Rewisenstall GS and Oriol), "R Long (Satulates and Magdaten), "J Events (Massatone GS and Oriol), D Platif (Cape Town University and Koble), A Misseon (Cusernland University and Belliol), "D Mear (Warwick School and St Edmand Hail), "M Marredith (Raticfite College and Penduroke), R Marchhate (King Edward VI, Southampton, and Marchheld), "A Gristees (Varwick School and Jeous, ceptain) "J Ralph (Aylesbury GS and Brasenose).

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MAIDENHEAD: P Williams; A Sutherland M Herley-King, P Buggins, A Robertson N Syltes, R Cawthorpe (captain), M Cen C Pearce, J Rahis, P Widman,

SNOOKER

Hallett survives scare

for a crack at Hendry

little to offer except raw co

Federation championship belt, which he won by knocking out James "Buster Douglas in the heavyweight title bout last week, in New York on Tuesday

REAL TENNIS

Sim takes full advantage of familiar court

THE British professionals.
Derek Sim and Mike Edwards, played superbly to defeat the Australians. John Main and Tim Heughin, in a first-round doubles match the Australians. doubles match at the Australian Open championships in Ballarat (Sally Jones writes).

Sim who, like Edwards, works at the club, took full advantage of his familiarity with the court and made almost no errors. and made almost no errors.

RESULTS: (Australia uniess otherwise stated): Deubles: First reacht 0 Sen (GB) and M Edwards (GB) bt J Main and T Houghn, 2-6, 6-2, 4-6, 8-3, 6-3; L Deublin and C Ronalisson (GB) bt B McFarlane and H Mursell, 8-0, 6-0, 6-0; B Faull and D Goldsmith bt J Abraham and D Wallace, 2-6, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2: A Michaburough and M Devine (GB) bt W Spring and N T warls, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.

lost 5-3 to Hendry but at least made a game of it. Hendry flowed in the second frame with a sparkling 110 clearance but thereafter the standard declined. Hendry said: "I allowed myself to be drawn into a scrappy potting match and I haven't yet TODAY'S FIXTURES BOXING: Screensport 14.00-15.30: From The Forum. BSB 20.00-22.00 and 01.00-03.00.

EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18.30-19.00 and 01.00-01.30 (tomorrow). FISHING: BSS 15.00-17,00. FOOTBALL: Screensport 18.00-19.00 and 21.00-22.00: Argentinism and Spanish leagues. Eurosport 21.30-23.00: Highlights from the European champlonship qualifying rounds.

GOLF: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: High-lights of the Volvo Masters from Spain, Screensport 10.00-10.00: US PGA: Highlights of the Nableco chempion-ships, BSB 00.30-01.00 (tomorrow); US PGA highlights.

ICE SKATING: Eurosport 09.00-10.00: Figure skating highlights from the United States. MOBILE MOTOR SPORTS NEWS: Eurosport 18.00-18.30. MOTOR SPORT: Saw

Highlights of Formula 3000 from Domington Park, the Veronica Beach races, internsional team religious and and European truck racing from Lydden Hill. BSB 18.00-19.30 and 22.30-23.30. Eurosport michight-01.00: Highlights of the Formals One Spanish grand prix from Jerez.

Mark Bennett, ranked 34th.

POWERSOATING: Screenspor 15.30-16.00: Outhourd grand prix high lights from Los Angeles. RACING: BSS 13.30-14.00 and 23.30midnight: Racing news. RUGHY LEAGUE: 888 14,00-16,000 Tour match: Highlights of Warrington V

SNOOKER: Screensport 10.00-12.00: World championship highlights. SPORTSDESK: BSB 1325, 18.00 19.30, 22.00 and midnight. TENNIS: Eurosport 11.00-18.00, 19.00-21.30 and 23.00-midnight

Namibia announce unchanged side to face England B

RUGBY UNION

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, and MICHAEL STEVENSON

same XV which beat Lancashire on Tuesday night for their game with England B at Leicester tomorrow. Clearly they have taken the practical decision of running their senior XV at the earliest opportunity, so that the players can adjust to local conditions before meeting

England.

The match under the Liverpool St Helens floodlights on Tucsday ended in a 23-15 victory for the touring team by two goals, two tries and a penalty to a goal and three penalties. Lancashire, considering the number of platters ering the number of players unavailablefor various reasons, did well to avoid a landside.
To place emergent Namibia
in world rugby, they were beaten
by Wales recently by only three
points but, is one of their later
Currie Cup matches, before independence, went down by 70 points to Northern Transvaal.
Their full-back. Stoop was brilliant against Lancashire and generally the backs handled with great flair and precision, but if they had been faced with six of the Ornell pack rules Declarated. the Orrell pack, plus Dooley and Gallagher, the result would almost certainly have been reversed. As it was Cleary had a

NAMIBIA have named the superb match and his powerful bursts several times embar-rassed Namibia.

A brilliant try by Stoop, following a long, floating pass by Deysel, was the result of scaring acceleration and a jagged side-step. Grobler then ran well to set up a try for the pacy Mans, who beat three men in the dead-ball area to make Olivier's second conversion a formality.

Langford and Olivier exchanged
penalties to make it [5-3 at the
interval.

Ferocious pressure brought the crucial try early in the second half, when the No. 8. Oosthuizen, fed his serum half, Buitendag, who scored. Namibia faltered a little thereafter, though Stoop fashioned a try for Swartz, sandwiched between second and third penalties for Lancashire by Langford. Lancashire dominated the

brought a penalty near the posts, which they chose to run for Ashurst to score and Langford

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Cambridge power may be decisive

CAMBRIDGE University's su-perior forward cohesion and power hold the key to the University match next month, according to Wayne Shelford.

The assessment by the former New Zealand captain came after he had led Northampton to victory over Oxford University

at Iffley Road on Tuesday night.
Shelford had also appeared,
albeit as substitute, against
Cambridge ten days earlier and

at Twickenham,
"I think they will be too fast
and strong for Oxford among
the forwards, in both their front row and at lock they look the better side at this stage. They are also fitter than Oxford." Shelford admired the adven-

Shelford admired the adven-ture demonstrated by the Cam-bridge backs against Northampton. "They ran every-thing they received and tried to keep the ball alive all the time. Oxford's backs are quick and their centres look quite useful. But they did not get very much good ball, againer us and that

United Hospitals...... 0 Comb London OB 70

THE Combined London Old Boys, who won this fixture 57-0 last season, passed that total with the greatest of ease on the Guy's Hospital ground at Honor Oak Park yesterday, scoring 13

flowed.

Perry, a centre making his debut for CLOB, touched down a break by the first try from a break by Batten. Ashworth went clean through for the second, and the pattern was set. Park (twice). Jenner and Morgan made it 34-0 by the interval, Jenner pulling a thigh muscle in the act of

Ingn muscle in the act of scoring.

Jim Smith and Nell Smith scored in pushovers. Jim Smith got another, and Perry, intercepting on the halfway line, raced away from the defence. Sturgeon, Ashworth — whose own kick ahead bounced nicely for him — and Park completed the ry-scoring.

the try-scoring.

Ever ready to spread their wings, CLOB have accepted an invitation to visit Canada next May as part of the Edmonton. GUANGZHOU — Stephen Hendry and Mike Hallett, who once had something of a head over the world champion, meet in the semi-finals of the £200,000 555 Asian Open here tomorrow. But neither can take heart from their quarter-final wins yesterday (Steve Acteson writes).

Learned to freeze people out the way Steve Davis does. But may safety game can only improve.

Against Hallett, it will have to. The world No. 7 beat the heart from their quarter-final wins yesterday (Steve Acteson writes). way Steve Davis does. But my salety game can only improve. Against Hallett, it will have to. The world No. 7 beat Hendry three times in succession before losing 6-1 in their last meeting 14 months ago. But Hallett was birmself fortunate yesterday to beat Les Dodd, ranked 45th, who recovered from 4-1 down to force a deciding ninth frame. Hallett seemed to have surrendered when he missed the final yellow. Dodd, however, missed the vital brown, ressures constructed to have surrendered when he missed the final yellow. Dodd, however, missed the vital brown, ressures constructed to have be to be to

sides. He suspects this univer-sity vintage will be all right without becoming spectacular. "However, both teams are as keen and enthusiastic as you would expect, so I think it will be a fair old battle at Twickenham." Sitting in the stand at Orrell last weekend, as Northampton received a 60-0 mauling, wounded Shelford a great deal

earnest endeavour among both

more than anything either university could manage. "We showed our youth and inexperience as a side up there.

"If you are experienced you can come back on that sort of day and make a contest of it. But

our young side found itself shut out of the match completely so ! think it will take Northampton
two or three years to develop as
a strong first division club."
Interestingly, Shelford, who
hopes to see his compatriots
take on France in at least one of the internationals this month, was coy about the possibility of returning to Northampton for a second year. "At this stage that is my secret," he said.

Old Boys Durham's pile up depth is the points key factor

By GORDON ALLAN

allayed when the assault was successfully repelled. In the final few minutes Williams saved well from Neal

Pugh. Looking every inch a scratch side, the medical students hardly ever saw the ball, and when they did they usually spilled it. CLOB, with Jacquet active in the loose, played positive rugby, and the points

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Leeds University. **Durham University...**

BOTH Leeds University and Durham University were missing several key players in their UAU match at Weetwood, but Durham ran out convincing winners by three goals and three

penalties to three penalties. it is a tribute to Durham's general standard that they could field such a formidable team with seven first-choice players

Sibson, their tall lineout man. was outstanding and guaranteed them a regular flow of quality possession. Their only fault was a tendency to take the tackle in the centre rather than keep the ball alive. Leeds led shortly after the

start. Greenstade kicking a pen-alty, but Durham were soon over for Le Camp to convert.
Immediately, Sibson caught
the kick-off, fed Webster and Le Camp linked for Neit-Dwyer to create space for Mitchell with a half-break. His try was con-verted by Le Camp, who added a penalty shortly after.
Greenslade reduced the deficit with two further penalties but
the writing was on the wall-for
Leeds and Le Camp added his

second penalty — the reward for continuous Durham pressure. Durham's final try was a ?; beauty. initially involving Fennell, Lewis-Lloyd and Keller. The ball was then passed along the line for Beattie to score. Le Camp converted from

wide out and also added a late pcnality.

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BADMINTON

Hall makes sure the third time

DARREN Hall's victory over Keynes on Tuesday, was probably the most encouraging men's singles results England has had since Steve Baddeley became European champion six months ago (Richard Eaton

On the evidence of his 15-10, 15-9 win over Hoyer, who had been playing better than any other man on the Continent, Hall seems certainly good enough to have a chance of one day winning that title again. The key, as so often with the talented player from Essex, was

Having twice in the previous four days worked his way into winning positions only to lose them he was determined not to let an advantage slip again, Hoyer came from 6-12 to 9-12

in the second game and Hall dug, in. "I thought, get your head down and don't rush." Hall said. If this new-found confidence starts to match the improved fitness he has gencrated in recent weeks, no player will be safe against him. Despite this win, England, as

expected, nevertheless went 2-0 down in the four-match series. against Denmark, the European team champions. The losing

margin this time was 3-t (following the 4-0 defeat a Presion on Monday) with Peter Bush, in only his third inter-national, finding the European junior champion. Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, too bard to contain with his steeply angled snatches, losing 15-9, 15-10. The men's doubles, which have been the biggest problem of all for England for a long time

now, resulted in two defeats. HEBULTS: Denmark 3, Expland 1 (England names first: D. Hall Its: P. Hoyer-Lersen, 15-10, 15-9; P. Bush lost to T Staer-Laurdsen, 9-15, 10-15; N. Porteng and D. Wright lost to T Laurd end J. Hotst-Christensen, 15-7, 15-40; Hall and Wright lost to Holst-Christensen, 15-7, 16-6, 15-8,

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eight match points to finish off Paul Ranson — one of a host of

Paul Kanson — one of a fiest of Paritish players who appear at the nationals only to disappear for the rest of the year.

The most promising display of the day came; from Miles Maclagan. Maclagan, who has just turned 16, was beaten 7-5.

4-6. 6-3 by Danny Sapsford in the first of two matches between

LTA schoolboys old and new. But, refreshingly, he lost

because he was too aggressive not because of nerves or

hitting an upturned ball tube three times in a row in service

practice.
Sapsford thought that, with experience, Maclagan would-sacrifice pace for accuracy in a similar situation. Maclagan had other ideas. "I can't do that

because my whole game would go down," he explained.

Solidly built, Maclagan gives the ball a real thump off both sides and seems to be dying to see his surdies out of the way so

Bates brushes off

fatigue to end the

Hunter challenge

By Andrew Longmore, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

Arsenal meet with cup success on Manchester return

Trafford in disgrace, Arsenal Tuesday night to become the ing football career, and treated first team to win at Maine a crowd of 24,351 at White scason.

Their 2-1 victory against Manchester City in a Rumbelows Cup third-round tie took the Londoners' minds - temporarily at least - off the disciplinary hearing at the Football Association on Monday week, when they will learn of their punishment for the mass brawl in the League match at Manchester United. Arsenal took the lead through Perry Groves, who was included at David Ro-

castle's expense, before Tony Adams extended it to further enhance the Highbury club's best start to a season since 1947. Clive Allen volleyed a reply for City.

Everton's decline continued at Bramali Lane, where they were dispatched from the competition 2-1 by struggling Sheffield United - a result which prompted the dismissal of Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, yesterday. Carl Bradshaw and Brian Deane claimed the goals which pro-vided United with a rare win. they did not was down to Everton, who had Dave some profligate finishing from Watson sent off for a so-called sional foul, scored cour-

United right back, who put Meanwhile, Paul Gas- Coppell's team could well rue

search for

new ground

THE way has been cleared for

Wimbledon to step up their search for a new ground follow-

ing an agreement between the club and the local authority

under which Plough Lane can be sold for housing development. The London Borough of Mer-ton has lifted a covenant on the ground — Wimbledon's home

for the past 42 years. The covenant stipulated that Plough

Lane should be used either as a football ground or for recreational or sporting facilities. But the club, has agreed to pay the council £800,000 to have it

The Taylor Report into ground safety, Wimbledon's low attendances, the poor state of Plough Lane and the difficulty

in getting to the ground have all prompted the club's decision to move — but no new site has yet

"This is a big step in the right direction," Sam Hammam, the

Wimbledon chairman, said.
"We are now looking to the

decisions and take some practical steps to ensure that the joint desire of baving a major stadium in the borough be-comes a reality."

Geoffrey Smith, the Merton Council leader, stressed the importance of keeping Wimble-

housing that is developed there. A full consultation process will

be undertaken before any final decision is made."

years ago, attempts what many men would consider the impos-

sible: he will be playing golf with

In golfing terms, Laura Da-

mixed greensomes event is not

don in the borough.

esy of John Pemberton, the

pressing list of social engagements to resume his promis-Hart Lane to a dazzling virtuoso performance against

Bradford City. A brilliant solo goal from Gascoigne and a header from Paul Stewart were sufficient to defeat the third division visitors, who had had the temerity to take an early lead through Gavin Oliver. As the second half unravelled Tottenham sat back, Gary Lineker was replaced by Paul Walsh, and a disgruntled Terry Venables declined to speak to the press.

Crystal Palace and Leyton Orient must replay their thirdround tie after a goalless 90 minutes at Selhurst Park. With Paul Heald, the visiting goalkeeper, in fine form, the third division side offered a surprisingly resilient defen-sive dam in the shape of a sweeper system, and even scared their high-flying - and hitherto unbeaten - hosts by striking a post.

But Palace should have won Ian Wright and John Salako in particular. Frank Clark, the Leyton Orient manager, said: "Our penalty box was like the Alamo at times." Steve

TEN days after leaving Old spor, took time out from his atmosphere of Brisbane Road next Wednesday, when Orient expect a crowd of more than

> Southampton progressed to the fourth round by becoming the first team to beat Ipswich Town at Portman Road since Sheffield Wednesday did so on the opening day of the season, Matthew Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace supply-ing the goals.

Middlesbrough destroyed Norwich City's hopes with a 2-0 victory at Ayresome Park. Both goals - from Paul Kerr and John Hendrie, the latter with a spectacular strike from 30 yards - came in the first

The result was espcially satisfying for Trevor Petney, the Middlesbrough midfield player, who was making his first appearance since break-ing a leg against Aston Villa In the second division,

Notts County were held 2-2 at home by struggling Charlton Athletic, Robert Lee and Gordon Watson scored Charlton's goals, with Kevin Bartlett's effort and a Stuart Balmer own goal ensuring the points were shared.

Andy Jones, a former Chariton forward, celebrated his recent transfer to Bournemouth by scoring the only goal in the night's third division



Real test of nerves: John Toshack, the Real Madrid coach, ponders the future after his team's practice session. He affirmed on Tuesday that he would not resign, despite the Spanish first division club's decline in form this season

Wimbledon Date set for FA hearing over Atkinson opts to mass brawl at Old Trafford stay on at club

By Louise Taylor

ARSENAL and Manchester United face the possibility of the deduction of League points, along with heavy fines, when they appear before a Football Association disciplinary commission on Monday week.

The five-man commission will investigate the disrepute charges laid before both clubs in the wake of the brawl in the first-division match at Old Trafford

Arsenal have already taken the unprecedented step of fining will attend along with his lines-man and any witnesses the clubs man and any witnesses the clubs wages, while Alex Ferguson. Video evidence will be admissible and the FA has studied its fined three of his players.

Graham and Ferguson have

rictory was rarely in doubt, as the Greeks constantly kept the pressure on the Maltese with their high-speed game.

After frequent attacks, the

Greeks scored after 37 minutes with a shot from outside the area by Nikos Tsiantakis. Vassilis Karapialis, the midfield

In the second half Maita

wasted their only scoring opportunity when Scerri shot

He said: The underlying planning requirement on the land is for housing and it will be

Scot takes his partner

From Patricia Davies in Valencia

been ordered to attend the FA's headquarters at Lancaster Gate on November 12, along with Peter Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman, Ken Friar, the Highbury secretary, and Martin Edwards and Ken Merrett, their counterparts at Old Trafford.

Keith Hackett, the referee, who booked Anders Limpar and Nigel Winterburn, of Arsenal, after the incident involving 21 players which delayed play for two minutes in the second half, will attend along with his linesman and any witnesses the clubs wish to call.

Video evidence will be admissible to the proper of the proper of

Maltese sunk by Saravakos

ATHENS (AP) — Greece beat Malta 4-0 in their European championship group six qualifying match here yesterday. The wide with only Papadopoulos, the Greek goalkeeper, to beat. Two minutes later Dimitris was on the way to making a full Saravakos listed a free-kick over

goal a minute from time.

• BELGRADE: Red Star Bel-

grade are planning to ignore warnings from the Yugoslavian national team doctor and de-

ward who played in the World Cup, fit to face Glasgow Rangers next week, officials said yes-terday (Reuter reports).

tast season Arsenat were fined £20,000 and Norwich City £50,000 after a similar incident at Highbury. Subsequently the FA warned all League clubs that it would consider docking points if such scenes were repeated.

• BUDAPEST: Cyprus were swamped 4-2 by Hungary in

their European championship group three match here match

yesterday (Renner reports). They conceded a goal, scored by Lorinez, in the first minute, and their rough tactics conceded a penalty is each half, which were converted by Kiprich. The win

took Hungary to the top of the

ICE HOCKEY

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MOTOR RALLYING

RON Atkinson has decided to commit himself to a new con-tract with Sheffield Wednesday He is to sign a two-year deal as manager with the Hillsborough club which will begin at the end of his present agreement, which runs out at the end of this

Atkinson, tipped as a possible successor to Colin Harvey at Everton, said: "I want to see the job through here. The first priority is getting back into the first division but this chib is big enough to win a trophy and get into European football."

Meanwhile, Wednesday yes-terday completed the loan sign-ing of the United States World Cup midfield player, John Harkes, Harlos, aged 23, will play for Wednesday for the rest of the season on loan from the US Soccer Federation.

Harkes, who has scored five goals in six reserve team matches, is included in the first team squad for tonight's Rumbelows Cup tie at home to

tide to the game, a high level of fitness, good technique and he is ambitious. Plus he has got enough of — shall we say — the English orientation, so in many ways it hasn't been terribly difficult for him to settle in England."
Harkes has won 37 caps for

RUGBY UNION

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SQUASH RACKETS

INTER-COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Yorkshira S, Derbyshira C.

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World Cup finals in Italy last

Aston Villa have sold their allocation of 1,600 lickets for their Uefa cup second round second-leg tie with Inter Milan next Wednesday. Steve Stride, the Villa secretary, urged fans without tickets not to make the trip to Italy. "We don't want any more fans to travel," he said. Dinamo Zagreb soccer club are changing their name to Croatia Zagreb, the club president said yesterday (Reuter

"Dinamo is an anachronistic, Bolshevik name," Zdenko Mahmet said, "As the Bolshevik system has been liquidated here, we have decided to change the name. The Yugoslav republic of Croatia, of which Zagreb is the capital, held its first free elections last April, ending the rule of Communication.

Mahmet said the team, eliminated from the Uefa Cup in the first round by Atalanta, of Italy, would officially become Croatia saravakos litted a free-kick over a wall of Maltese players and beyond the reach of Cini, the goalkeeper, to make it 3-0. It was Saravakos's eighteenth goal in 58 appearances for his country. Borbokis added the final soal a migute from simple of the second-round, second-leg may be his best position, but he may find himself getting an opportunity as an attacking defender," Atkinson said.

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contract by Brighton after im-pressing the manager, Barry Lloyd, during a month's trial. Wade, 27, scored three goals on his first appearance for the reserves and has now been given a chance to stay for the rest of the season. He began his league career with Swindom and was given a first transfer by Suniversi the United States and played in given a free transfer by State all three group games in the at the end of last season. given a free transfer by Swansea

Walker thrust into the front row at Cardiff

TABLE TENNIS

SCOTLAND will look to Euan Walker to continue his im-

walker to continue his im-proved form when they open their account in the second division of the European league in Cardiff on Saturday. The young East Kilbride player, a member of the Great Britain Olympic training squad, recently beat John Broe, a full Soutish international.

He also won the Midlands open tournament in Dundee on Sunday. In the absence of the Scottish champion, David Hanscottish champion, David Han-nah, who is serving an 18-month suspension, Walker and Broe face a tough Saturday with matches egainst Norway, Wales and Denmark.

JEREMY Bates overcame his training had prepared him for mystery ailment and the chall- an instinctive shot between the enge of Jeffrey Hunter in the legs by Sapsford which brought second round of the British national championships, sponsored by Prudential. Sapsford, who was pleased and Bates has been suffering from just a fraction lucky to reach the

national champions up a sored by Prudential.

Bates has been suffering from just a fraction lucky to reach the fatigue over the last six days and only received the all-clear to play yesterday morning. But he showed no sign of lethargy beating Ulfi Nganga, another of the first crop of LTA school-boys, in straight sets. Nganga.

There were no alarms either one of six seeds to depart during the day, was not feeling well before the match and was feeling even worse after it.

before the match and was feeling even worse after it.

Richard Whichello, a former junior champion and the original bad boy of British teants, gained inspiration from practising with Bjorn Borg for two weeks, and had his best win of the year over Mark Petchey, the No. 4 seed.

Clare Wood, the defending women's champion, went 3-to down in the final set but won the field win and Sean Cole also had problems, though they were not

Holden, and Sean Cole also had problems, though they were not of his own making.

He arrived back from Africa at the weekend. His kit bags did not and he had to borrow rackets and a pair of shoes which were too small. Despite the difficulties, he beat Simon Ickringill in straight acts. overcaution.

He dropped the first set on a double-fault and lost an early break in the final set with two more. On each occasion, he pressed too hard on the second serve — a little too confident perhaps after winning a £5 bet with his coach, Derek Bone, for hitting an automored ball tube

SENTS SHOULDS: Second -round: S
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5-7, 6-0: D. Sapsiorti (Burney) to M
Miacteger (E. Scotland), 7-5, 4-8, 6-3; P.
Hund (Beries) to I. Devise (Shropathre), 5-4,
6-5; N. Brown (Cheshite) bt P. Ramson
(Yorks), 5-2, 7-6; D. Collers (Essea) to C.
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Engleman (Hants), 7-6, 5-1; J. Baiss (Surrey) bt J.
Hunter (Surrey), 6-4, 6-4; S. Cole (Surrey) bt S. Iciangli (Yorks), 6-1, 7-8; N. Adams
(Essea) br U. Ngurga (Nortok), 6-3, 6-3, A.
Rouse (Essea) bt J. Terrer (Avon), 5-4, 5-7, 6-7.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: B Berner (Buds) by S-W Siddell (Dorsen), 6-2, 6-2; J Salmon (Sussex) by A Brown Nortolik, 6-3, 6-3; S Gomer (Devon) by A Grunfeld (Laries), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; Locemons (S. Wales) by Teatin (Cambril), 5-1, 0-6, 6-2; C Wood (Sussex) by J Holden (Yorks), 5-1, 6-7, 5-3.

sades and seems to be dying to get his studies out of the way so he can get out onto the circuit early next summer. He is also full of self-belief, the legacy of an upbringing in Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, none of his Becker overcomes a shaky opening

Edberg, the world No. I and leading seed, defeated Andrei Cherkasov, of the Soviet Union, 6-2, 6-3. Becker, chaning Edberg in the No. 2 spot, best Richey Reneberg, of the United States, for the fourth time in five weeks, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. But it was the first time he had dropped a set.

Becker dropped the opening Becker dropped the opening set after a double fault and a sloppy backhand in the ninth game gave Reneberg the service break. But Becker then turned up his game a notch and finished the match off in an hour end 52 minutes.

hour and 58 minutes. He won five of the last six games.
Edberg needed only an hour to dispose of Cherkasov. Before a sparse crowd in the opening match of the afternoon, the Swede was always in control. "I asked to play in the afternoon," Edberg said. "Sometimes it's better to play early and have the rest of the day

Edberg confirmed yesterday that he will play in the \$6 million (about £3 million) Grand Slam Cup event in Munich from December 11.

Edberg, one of several leading players to voice misgivings about the competition, said: "I have decided to play. It's a lot of money — we're all aware of that — but two million dollars will be recompeted bath in the same

PARIS (AP) — Stefan Edberg have both said they will not and Boris Becker began their compete in the event, claiming march towards another show that the prize money is excessive. The pair say the tourpusterday at the Paris Open nament was deliberately set up by the International Tennis Federation in conception to the sive. The pair say the tour-nament was deliberately set up by the International Tennis Federation in opposition to the

new ATP tour.
Two seeded players, more used to clay courts rather than the fast indoor surfaces, were

esten in Paris. Guillaume Raonx, a French Gullaume Raons. a French qualifier, ranked 134th in the world, downed Guillermo Perez-Roidan, of Argentina, the thirteenth seed, in straight sets, while Jim Courier, of the United States, crushed Juan Aguilera, of Spain, the sixteenth seed.

There was another treat leave.

There was another upset later in the day when Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, eliminated the No. 5 usdor, in three sets. Ivan Lendl the United States, in straight

G Numbervic (Yug) bt M Gustafson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt C-U Steeb (Ger.), 7-6, 5-6, 15 Exberry (Swe) bt A Charge (US), 7-6, 5-4; S Exberry (Swe) bt A Charge (US), 8-2, 6-3; G Racco, (Fr) bt 'G Perriz-Rolden- (Arg.), 7-5, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt J Aglers (Sp.), 5-1, 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt R Reneberg (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt J Agulera (Sp.), 6-1, 6-2; G Sebert (US) bt J Agulera (Sp.), 6-1, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt R Agenor (Hatd), 7-5, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt R Agenor (Hatd), 7-5, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp.) bt A Gomez (Ec.), 7-5, 4-8, 6-1; I Landi (Ca) bt K Curren (US), 6-3, 6-4.

 MUNICH: Carl-Uwe Steeb will be out for the rest of the season after an operation here ploughed back into the game.

That is reassuring."

On Tuesday on torn tendons in his right ankle, during his loss to Pete Sampras in the Paris Open.

ATHLETICS

Overseas trips could nurture fresh talent

TEAMS of Britons will be sent to venues as far apart as Florida and the Ukraine next summer as part of a programme to develop the next generation of international competitors. A sum of £250,000 is being made Details of the biggest overseas

Details of the biggest overseas programme ever undertaken by British athletics were released yesterday by Andy Norman, the law tended to concentrate on the clite stene, but there are many athletes who have great potential who have not had the believes it amounts to the best annual package be has ever this programme will rectify this."

oversess matches is an England trip to Moscow to face a Russian Republic team in August English areas have also been invited to take teams to Soviet republics later that month. British junior talent will be boned by trips to Florida and Los

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Fisa looks for culprits

A SPECIAL committee is being set up by the International Motor Sport Federation (Fisa) to investigate the incidents that marred this year's Formula One world championship. It will have the fullest of powers to find out who was responsible and the issue of licences for next year's championship will depend on its conclusions.

Ayrton Senna won this year's title after a crash with his only. rival, Alain Prost, in the penultimate event in Japan, put both drivers out of the race. Prost needed to win. MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service for Kingsley pean team char Wright, sports editor of the Manga, Spain.

Daily Telegraph from 1961 to 1979, will be held at noon on Thursday, November 15 at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street,

London.
TENNIS: Pete Sampras and Zina Garrison, of the United States, will be top seeds in the Hopman Cup doubles tennis competition from December 27.
Emilio Sánchez and Aranna Sánchez Vicaria of Spain, the bolders, million the teasured. holders, will be the second

GOLF: Brian Waites and David Screeton shot matching scores of two-under-par 70 to put England in second place, four shots behind France, after yes-terday's first round of the Euro-pean team championship at La

for mixed greensomes ONCE upon a time a big West Country Scot achieved the incredible: he beat Jack Nicklaus, the 1975 Masters and US PGA champion, twice in one day in the Ryder Cup. Today, in the Benson and Hedges Trophy at El Bosque here. Brian Barnes, that twice-conquering hero of 15 years ago, attempts what many CYCLING PROFESSIONAL RANGINGS: 1, G Busino (T), 1,860,11ps; 2, C Chiespous; (6), 1,970,98; 3, C Mostel (F), 1,052,62, 4, M Incluran; (S), 569,75; 6, E Breutoini; (North, 974,70; 7, S Kelly (Eiro), 583,95; 8, 583,60; (Can), 617,420; 9, G Jahlond (US), 805,60; 10, F Schave (S)p., 792,80.

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mixed greensomes event, is not any woman. She is a former British and US women's Open champion and the force that launched a thousand drives into the wide blue yonder beyond the ken of most men.

Barnes rated their chances of victory as "very good, indeed". He also indicated that he was taking things seriously — the first pair share £30,500, after all the sax increas between the ears."

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SHOW REVIEW NUMBER

We put the 1990 showing season under critical review, including dressage, driving, show jumping, Mark Phillips on the end of the horse trials year, with many vividly evocative colour photographs.

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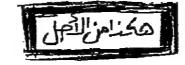
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Everton dismiss Harvey in the wake of defeat

ball's first managerial casualty an appointment soon. of the season yesterday when remaining eight months of Harvey's contract was cancelled with immediate effect after the Everton board of directors had met in emer-

The decision to end Harvey's 27-year association with signing a new two-year con-the Merseyside club was taken tract only yesterday lunchtime within hours of Tuesday night's 2-1 Rumbelows Cup third-round defeat by Sheffield United at Bramall Lanc. Everton are seventeenth in the first division, having won

only one of their ten League

Tuesday's result, allied to Everton's plight in the League, was sufficient to prompt Philip Carter, the club chairman, to part company with Harvey, who was appointed manager in June 1987 after Howard Kendall, now in charge of Manchester City, had resigned to take up the post of coach with Athletic Bilbao, the Spanish first di-

Although Jimmy Gabriel,

COLIN Harvey became foot- Harvey and hope to announce required to underpin the

Although the post is to be Everton dismissed him. The advertised, it is clear that Everton would be hoping for an early response from one of four managers, namely Arthur Cox, of Derby County, Joe Royle, of Oldham Athletic, gency session to discuss the Steve Coppell of Crystal Pal-club's disappointing start to ace, and Ron Atkinson, of ace, and Ron Atkinson, of Sheffield Wednesday.

However, with Atkinson and Coppell an instrumental figure in Palace's recent renaissance, Everton's pro-visional shortlist of candidates who are deemed to be suitable may be halved.

Royle, who played along-side Harvey in Everton's League championship-win-ning side of 1970, is known to enjoy a measure of support among the club's directors, and he is certain to be interested in a return to his native city, even though his loyalty to the second division leaders was emphasised last season when he declined an invitation to succeed Mel Machin at Maine Road.

unsettled at the Baseball Everton's first-team coach, Ground, is a popular figure has been placed in charge on a with those members of the caretaker basis. Everton are Everton hierarchy who believe searching for a successor to that a tough disciplinarian is

Close ties with the club

COLIN Harvey, aged 45, was ionship medal in 1970. born in Liverpool and his began in 1963 when, aged 18. Everton, he was transferred to he made his senior debut in a Sheffield Wednesday in 1974. European Cup tie against Inter but his career was cut short by Milan in the San Siro Stadium a hip injury. (Ian Ross writes). He developed into an

outstanding midfield player, level was never fully reflected in the international arena, for he won just one full England Harvey's cap, against Malta in 1971.

He was in the side that defeated Sheffield Wednesday

European Super

League for football. He said dies."

that the idea, suggested by the

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"Such a super league would

mean the death of national

weekly. Guerin Sportivo, said.

After making more than 380

He returned to Goodison Park two years later, as youth team coach, and went on to although his success at club become Everton's ninth fulltime manager in 48 years in

Harvey's only success as a manager was on August I, 1987, when Everton defeated defeated Sheffield Wednesday
3-2 in the 1966 FA Cup final holders, 1-0 at Wembley to and he won a League champ- win the Charity Shield.

Fifa. has ruled out the forma- near the playing ground, also scoring chances and make the

goals scored. "We have a

precise idea in mind that will

He added that recent

club's obvious talent.

Harvey's dismissal was announced in a club statement. It read: "Philip Carter, chairman, thanked Colin Harvey for his contribution over 14 years but stated that the team's recent performances were unacceptable."

Ironically, yesterday mor ing, before being told of his board's decision, Harvey had insisted that he would not resign. He also appeared to point an accusing finger at several of his players in the wake of Tuesday's embarrassing defeat by the first di-vision's bottom team.

"Why should I walk away? I am not the type of person to give in. I am still very determined and want to get on with the job in hand," he said. "Because of the circumstances, the match at Sheffield United was important to everyone at this club, but I did not feel that it hurt certain people when we lost. No manager can tolerate that."

Despite inheriting a side that had won the League Cox, who is rumoured to be championship the previous season. Harvey failed in his attempt to maintain Everton's position as England's premier club side, and he was powerless to prevent the gradual disintegration of a squad that had been patiently assembled his long-time friend,

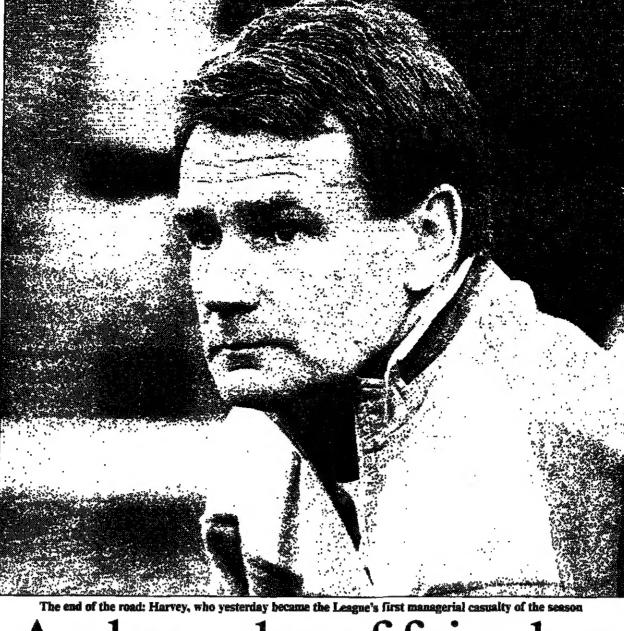
In attempting to restore association with Everton senior appearances for Everton to a position of prominence, Harvey bought and sold freely. During his 40 months in charge he spent £10 million on 14 new players, while recouping £6.4 million by allowing 15 to leave Goodison Park.

> in recent months Harvey had found himself embroiled in a series of disagreements with several senior players, notably Neville Southall, the Welsh international goalkeeper, who has repeatedly

European League ruled out MILAN (AP) - Joseph Blat- would not go to the stadiums. and teams with fewer players ter, the secretary-general of Football needs supporters - were intended to improve

> He also blamed coaches for the overly defensive tactics Blatter also said that the main aim of Fifa, football's which produced several dull games during the World Cup. ruling body, is to have more including the final between Germany and make the work of defences Argentina.

Any rule changes will be discussed at a Fifa meeting on December 13, and possibly "With the super tour- suggestions to change some submitted for approval to the international board in Belfast



bassador of fair play

By DAVID MILLER

GARY Lineker last night received, on behalf of the England World Cup team, the Stanley Matthews Fair Play Trophy, presented by the Duke of Edinburgh at the annual dinner of the British Sports Trust and sponsored by Umbro. In the contemporary world of expedient professionalism, few players more unfailingly represent old stan-dards of sportsmanship than Lineker does.

More so even than Matthews in his prime - which lasted, many would say, all of his 33 years as a professional -Lineker is unceremoniously whacked from every angle and height in almost every match. This is the price of being one of the world's foremost goalscorers. I have never seen him retaliate.

"If we're going to continue play," Lineker said last night, "and improve the public's not so badly behaved, we can't afford what happened the other week [at Old Trafford]." Although it could not be claimed that the whole of the England team is as innocent as a lamb in its tackling, in what mer was a credit to the country pitch. The game is big busi-and to itself, and this was ness. But I don't think English you've just lost the ball. We recognised by all observers. The third-place match against Italy was as fine an example of the sport as the first-place match was a diserace.

"It took the World Cup to demonstrate we're a pretty fair lot," Lineker says, "You get occasional silly incidents here that you can't condone at all, that nobody likes, but the game's better off here than it is abroad, I think.

Players do try to do the right thing, and when you get an incident allegedly involving 20 players, in fact half of them are trying to calm the emotions of those who have momentarily lost control. Yes, of course, we must stamp it

There was a breed of manager in the Sixties, during which English football became who preached to their players that they must hate to lose. It is a short step from hating to lose to hating; and that is soon reflected on the terraces. Lineker attempts to corner-kick philosophise on the position of the professional.

"It's all very well to say it's just a game," he says, "but is a muscular contact sport, its that can sometimes be diffibehaviour in Italy last sum- cult to remember out on the

players deliberately cheat. There is a better mood than when I first came into the first division - if someone's injured, the opposition will kick the ball into touch, and the other side will then throw the ball back to them. That's becoming standard."

In the days of George Best at his matchless peak, there was a first division trainer who used to sit on the bench beside the manager, hollering at the players: "Break his effing leg." Lineker questions whether that attitude still exists.

"If I'm naive, forgive me," he says. "I get whacked, defenders get in hard, early on, to try to put you off your game, but I've never thought someone was out to break my bones. But bruises soon rub

ing sights, as a spectator, is the fact that too many players appeal, simultaneously from both sides, for almost every throw-in, every goalkick/ corner-kick decision, heightening the burden upon the referee. Lineker agrees.

"I've great sympathy for the referee," he says. "There are silly appeals, too many complaints to the referee. A lot of

are all under great pressure, and often that's the way it

shows."
Does Lineker "dive"? There are those who say that, since he came back from Spain, he is more than before hoping unreasonably for the referee's whistle. He denies it.
Instinctively, you always

try to stay on your feet", he says, "especially if you're going at goal. If you've got your back to goal and you're whacked from behind, that's different. Your control of the ball is more seriously affected. you'll probably lose it. But if you've already got the ball, you're more dangerous stand-

My own view would be that referees still give attacking players with their back to goal too little protection from the tackle that goes through the

violence in some of the World we feel sure that people will Cup qualifying games was take great pride and obtain worse than it was in Italy, and much satisfaction from that the most frustrating thing becoming a shareholder in this is man-for-man markers trying to stop opponents making a run by holding their shirt or arm. It does not stop him smiling, however, and continuing to be one of the most up control, if the public reattractive sights in the game.

FA Cup deal is labelled a stunt

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A SUGGESTION from Abby Dharamsey, the owner of Santana Pools, that his company was poised to make a £0 million offer to sponsor the FA Cup, was dismissed as a "publicity stunt" by the Football Association (FA)

David Bloomfield, the FA's press officer, said: "We have had no contact with Santana Pools, although with do have a meeting scheduled for later in the week, so they can ask about the possibility of using FA Cup matches on their coupons. This is a publicity Dharamsey, whose two-

week old company - run from an estate agent's office - was examined by accountants from Westminster Council after a flood of entries, said he will make his bid tomorrow. million on the spot for two years' sponsorship, if they agree to change the name of the cup to the Santana Cup.

agreed that Littlehampton can play their FA Cup tie with Northampton on November 17 at their home ground, which holds only 3,000. The decision about the allticket game was taken yesterday after a meeting between

Local authorities have

Newcastle launch share offer

NEWCASTLE United yesterday launched a share issue that they hope could raise £8 million, (a Special Correspondent writes). Supporters are being offered eight million shares in an attempt to raise finance for team building and the redevelopment of St James' Park,

The share issue could also put control of the club into the hands of supporters. But with Christmas approaching and United in the middle of a poor run of results, there remains a question mark over how many supporters will be prepared to pay the minimum investment of £100.

The club chairman, Gordon Mckeag, said yesterday: Buying the shares probable Lineker's opinion is that won't make anybody rich, but famous club."

John Hall, who led the rebel Magpie Group and is now on the United board, said: "In theory, the board have given spond to the share issue."

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view with the Italian sports and improve the show."

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Praise for Olympic bid

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Princess Royal yesterday praised Manchester's un-successful bid to stage the 1996 Olympic Games, saying that she was proud to be a

member of the delegation. Her words will encourage the British Olympic Association (BOA), of which the Princess is president, to support an attempt by Manchester or London to hold the event in the year 2000.

The Princess said: "The Manchester bid was very successful. I think it did great credit to Manchester, Eveyone behaved in an exemplary manner. I was relieved I was not involved with other bid-

ding cities." She said that Manchester's reaction was "positive and not negative. It understood the value of the bid itself. The

thanks for fulfilling its role so purposes committee will begin

Bob Scott, the chairman of the Manchester committee. said that although the city only got 11 votes in the first round and five in the second the feeling was that they would try again. "We have not yet had a formal committee meeting but the local authority is unanimous in support.

It would be helpful, if the BOA is to support a candidate. that this is done by June 1991 when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) holds a session in Birmingham. Next June would be an ideal opportunity for all the mem-bers of the IOC to see the proposed facilities.

However, this is a tight schedule. It will only be next BOA owes Manchester great month when the BOA general

discussing even whether to attempt to hold the Games and, if so, in what year. However, the final decision on even whether to support a candidate is unlikely to be made until April.

Scott said: "The question is whether the BOA thinks Manchester can get the Games. If the BOA decided on London then I would support that. However, I am hoping to persuade the association not to make that decision." He said that the key feature of any attempt would be to get some building of the main stadium on the way.

The IOC will vote on the venue for the 2000 Games in September 1993. Peking Paris, Berlin and Melbourne are all

Welsh stadium needs further work on safety WELSH Rugby Union

(WRU) officials have pledged to carry out any necessary safety work to ensure the match between the Barbarians and the Argentinians can go ahead in Cardiff on Novem-

Although the WRU has recently spent £1.25 million on improving safety at the National Stadium, it has been presented with a list of deficiencies. In a report from South

Glamorgan County Council's safety working party, the main areas of concern include lighting, lack of communication and poor stewarding

"We will comply with whatever provisions are de-manded," Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said.

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Jahangir vacates peak to Jansher

By COLIN McQUILLAN

AHANGIR Kahn's physical breakdown in North America carlier this month has already translated into punishing pro-lessional form. On the new world ranking list issued today by the International Squash Players Association he has dropped to second place behind his Pakistani compatriate, Jansher Kahn, the world cham-

Beaten in the national league this week by Jansher, the man who led the world game almost without interruption since 1981 must now face the prospect of losing contact with the top ranking for ever.

Jahangir's drop follows his defeat in four tournaments since his record ninth successive vichis record minth successive vic-tory in the British Open last April He incurred zero points in withdrawing from the US Open and Canadian Open after losing in the Stretch Challenge semi-final.

A late withdrawal from next month's world open in Toulouse will attract another zero rating and probably push him lower than second spot for the first time in a decade. Jansher. conversely, has won seven tour-naments and lost only once.

The top European is Mark Maclean, of Scotland, at nine, a

ranking with earns him an invitation to the NSZ Masters in Monte Carlo at the end at November in place of Harris, the British No. 1 who is I ith on the new list.

nsinkable All Black boat hits troubled

IN THE planning stage, the New Zealand rugby union tour of France looked likely to be no more than another stepping stone in the smooth build-up of the world champions for the World Cup in

less than a year. Alex Wyllie, the coach of the All Blacks, viewed the tour as an opportunity to develop a few young players for future campaigns, rebuild the morale of the side after the defeat in the third international against Australia, and give two of his best players, John Kirwan and Michael Jones - recently recovered from serious injury - a chance to recapture their match fitness.

Yet with only three of the eight matches left, those plans are in disarray. The apparently invincible All Blacks have already been beaten twice, and the first international against France is only three days On line to serve you away. That match takes place here in Nantes, the scene four years ago

CHRIS THAU on the allconquering rugby union machine that appears in danger of seizing up in France

of a famous defeat for the All Blacks by France. From that day in November 1986, until August this vear, the All Blacks were unbeaten, surrendering their record to Australia but having already won the Beldisloe Cup series.

After the first defeat of the tour in

Toulon, at the hands of an abrasive French Selection, the All Blacks looked vulnerable and ponderous. Each of the French teams they have met since has subjected the visitors to an onslaught, and a French Select XV inflicted the second defeat on the visitors in Bayonne on Tuesday. These unexpected reverses raise

the question of whether the All

Blacks have reached the end of an

era or whether they are just suffering

from the short-term effects of losing

players like Wayne Shelford, John Gallagher and John Schuster. Shelford was discarded after the

series against Scotland, when Wyllie felt that his fitness was below par. Gallagher, Schuster, Botica and Ridge joined rugby league clubs. It is believed that only the sudden call to international duty prevented the present No. 8, Zinzan Brooke, from following suit. The painful process of rebuilding

the side has been hampered by the slow recovery from injury of Kirwan and Jones. Both have played on the tour, but neither seems to have recaptured the edge that made them so effective during the last few

Following Shelford's sudden departure, Gary Whetton took over the captaincy, but experienced New Zealand hands have expressed doubts about his capacity to steer the boat out of troubled waters. And the man who might be able to, Mike Brewer, long tipped as a captain in

waiting, is unable to command a regular place in the team. Wyllie has acknowledged that the

loss of several seasoned players has severely weakened his side, but he also blames the tour itinerary. "No country could afford to lose the players we have lost this year." Wyllie said. "Their experience and knowledge has been sorely missed. Additionally, it is very hard to develop a side under such terrible pressures. We knew that this tour was going to be very hard both off the field and on the field. However, it is like playing two Tests each week. The wear and tear process make it very hard."

Wyllie's predicament has been magnified by his stubborn refusal to accept a backs coach, as suggested by Shelford after his departure, a move that would bring the former Auckland coach, John Hart, back into the fold.

By refusing to share the load of coaching, Wyllie has taken on the whole responsibility for the performance of the term of the same of the mance of the team on tour. An attempt by the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, Eddie Tonks, to mediate between Wyllie and Hart has reportedly ended in failure.

And so the tour goes on. The measure of Wyllie's anxiety may be gauged, perhaps, by the comparitively conservative selection he has made for the first international. standing by the players who have served him well in the past.

The strength of the French opposition apart, it is quite clear that the All Blacks have reached a turning point. By the end of the tour we will Know how sharp it is.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM to France: K Crowle Krwen, C Innes, W Little, T Wright, G Fox Bechop: R Loe, S Pitzpatrick, S McClowell Wrieston, I Jones, G Wheaton (captein), Mich Jones, M Brewer (or Z Brooke).

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